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THREE BRISK FIRES

Department Had Three Long Runs

BARN ON EMERY FARM DESTROYED

Small Blaze in a Charles Street Block

There were three fires yesterday, one in the afternoon and two in the evening.

About 5.04 o'clock, boxes 18 and 82 were sounded almost simultaneously for a slight blaze in the house of Ezra Smith in Bellevue street. Mrs. Smith was lighting the gas jets in the different rooms of the house with a lighter and as she passed from one room to another, the draperies on one of the windows caught fire from the lighter. The draperies were completely destroyed, some of the woodwork was scorched and there was also some damage to the furniture.

The department was called out again about 6.50 by an alarm from box 75. It was for a fire in a barn on the old Emery farm and situated directly in the rear of Charles W. Mevis' house, superintendent of the farm. This proved to be the most destructive fire of the day. The blaze had gained considerable headway before the firemen arrived and it looked for a time as though the flames would spread to the house, but the firemen prevented this though they found it impossible to save the barn, which was completely gutted. The building was stocked with cord wood and also contained some old furniture. The blaze is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

The third alarm was from box 35 at 7.50, being occasioned by a small fire in the tenement of P. A. Golden in McEvoy's block on Charles street. The fire started in a pile of oily waste in the woodbox and was probably caused by a match being thrown into it. The blaze was extinguished before it had done much damage.

NOT IN YET

CITY CLERK HAS SEEN NO PETITION FOR RECOUNT.

Although it has been stated on good authority that the papers for a recount of the votes for mayor are in circulation the papers have not yet appeared at the city clerk's office. If the yare not in at 5 o'clock tonight the recount will be declared off and the bets paid over.

EXCHANGE COURTESIES

MAYOR CROWLEY AND SENATOR PUTNAM WRITE.

The following letters, exchanged by the two candidates for mayor, mark the close of the contest that terminated on Tuesday:

Hon. Jeremiah Crowley:

My Dear Sir—Allow me to congratulate you on your victory. I did the best I could to be elected, but the people have spoken, and I gladly submit to their decision. I trust and hope you will have a year of health, and that all will join in doing what they can to make your administration the best for the people.

Very respectfully yours,
GEO. E. PUTNAM.

Lowell, Dec. 13.

Hon. George E. Putnam:

Dear Sir—Your note of congratulation came duly to hand, for which I am sincerely thankful to you, and let me say that I fairly and decently stated my case to the fair-minded people of Lowell; they, after hearing all the evidence, have rendered their verdict. For my sake I am pleased; for you I am sorry for your disappointment.

Respectfully yours,
JEREMIAH CROWLEY.

Lowell, Dec. 14.

FARMER'S HOUSE WARMED.

A number of the Lowell friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Farmer of Tewksbury called on them at their well appointed residence on Lee street in Tewksbury last night and assisted in the ceremonies of a housewarming. Mr. Farmer's house was destroyed by fire Nov. 6 of last year, and his new house was recently completed. It was only natural that his friends in Lowell should take an interest in the new structure and they made arrangements for a friendly call. Last night was the time decided upon, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed. Gookin's orchestra furnished music and there were songs by Mr. Gookin and Miss Bertha Westgate. It was a late hour when the guests took their departure after leaving as a testimonial of their good wishes two handsome parlor rugs. Among those present were Superintendent of Streets C. J. Cheney, George H. Frye and Dr. Rombough.

WAS SENT TO JAIL

Young Man Charged With Assault and Battery

ON DRIVER FRED L. DAVIS

A Couple Held For Adultery

Only one drunk apeared in the police court before Judge Hadley this morning. Thomas F. Fahey was the unfortunate. He is an old-timer, and was sentenced to the state farm at Bridgewater. He appealed and was held in $200 for the superior court.

John Sweet and Winifred Redigan were charged with adultery. Both pleaded not guilty, but the court found otherwise, and they were held for the superior court, Redigan in the sum of $400, and Sweet in $300. The Redigan woman is known to be a bad character, and is no stranger to the police. She is a married woman, but her husband is in England, where he has been for four years.

Herbert Evans was charged with drunkenness, and on two counts with assault and battery on Driver Fred L. Davis of the patrol wagon and Carrie S. Jones. The defendant pleaded guilty to all three charges.

The trouble occurred Monday night at Mrs. Jones' house in Carpet Lane, where Evans boarded. He came home intoxicated and assaulted Mrs. Jones. The latter sent her little daughter to Mrs. Davis's house, which is not far away, and he came back with the girl. When Davis got to the Jones' house, he asked what the trouble was. Mrs. Jones told him that Evans had assaulted her and Mr. Davis thereupon ordered him to leave the house. He said he would and started for the door. He turned around suddenly and struck the driver in the eye, stunning him for a time. Davis was caught unprepared, but he grabbed the defendant and a tussle ensued. The patrol wagon driver got the best of his man and brought him to subunission. The defendant then asked Davis to let him get his pipe which he said was on the table. Davis did so, but instead of getting the pipe, Evans blew out the light and grabbing a bottle of alcohol from the table threw it at Davis. It struck him in the hand, cutting it badly. Davis went after him again and soon got the best of him and then sent him to the station.

The defendant had nothing to say in explanation. He has a police record. He was sentenced to jail, two months for assault on Mrs. Jones, five months for assault on Mr. Davis and eight days for drunkenness.

The case of William McClure of Chelmsford charged with illegal keeping of liuor was continued till Friday next for trial.

Samuel Cohen was charged with the larceny of a cow from Cyrus E. Allen of Dunstable. When the case was called, Cohen was not in court, nor was his counsel, John J. Harvey, Esq. A representative of Mr. Harvey was present, however, and requested a continuance, which the court granted.

The case was put over until Wednesday next for trial. D. J. Donahue, Esq. appears for the government in this case.

Narcisse Morin pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny. He was charged with stealing $11 from D. Dimodana. The court imposed a fine of $15.

BURNED TO DEATH

THREE LOST THEIR LIVES IN A FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Three persons were burned to death and one seriously injured at a fire early this morning in a tenement in the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn.

The dead are Mrs. Goscher, Mrs. Susan Smyth and Luke Freen.

Mrs. Luke Freen jumped from the second story and broke her legs. She was otherwise seriously injured.

SPEAKER HENDERSON'S THANKS

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 15.—Speaker Henderson has sent to Hyde Park Post, G. A. R., of which he is a member, a letter acknowledging the receipt of a floral gift, in which he says: "When I found my dear old comrades, so far away, suddenly so near me with a testimonial of their affection, I put it very mildly when I say my heart was full. Boys, you do not know how much I appreciate the act. I felt somehow as though you were all by my side sustaining me in grave responsibilities by which I was surrounded. Permit me, therefore, to thank you, not in a formal way, but with profound sincere affection to every member of the post."

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

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Storm Collars from $2.75 up.

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SEPARATE SKIRTS

We are always a little ahead with our Skirt Styles. Now we are showing Skirts with box plaited backs, single and double, one and two plaits, also skirts trimmed in front with silk applique. Prices are low, quality considered. We also have a large line of Plain and Tunic Skirts, also Plaids, etc.

NO GOOD NEWS YET

To Dispel the Gloom That Hangs Over all England

Report of Several Other Engagements Received—Capt. Bradshaw Killed Leading His Men—Battle in Which 2000 Were Lost

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following dispatch:

From the officer commanding at Orange river, Thursday, Dec. 14:

Yesterday part of the mounted infantry under Captain Bradshaw and the Yorkshires and Lancashire Guards under Lieut. MacFarlane, patrolled in the direction of Ramah and Zoutspan Drift, about 16 miles east of the Orange river, to reconnoiter and to report the strength of the enemy reported to be holding the drift. The mounted infantry found a strong detachment of the enemy at the drift and a sharp engagement ensued. The enemy ultimately retreated to Goemansberg.

Captain Bradshaw and three men were killed; Lieut. Gregson of the East Kents, and seven men were wounded. The Boers had five men killed and several wounded."

ARTILLERY DUEL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FRERE CAMP, Wednesday, Dec. 13, noon. The expected artillery duel between the British and Boer forces did not come off Wednesday. The British bombarded positions around Colenso, but the Boers did not reply.

BRITISH LOSS OF 2,000

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—The following official announcement has been made:

"General Cronje reports that yesterday there was desultory fighting until six, when heavy cannon fire was resumed. The Scandinavians stormed a difficult position but it became untenable and they suffered severely. I was unable to send help. The British were in overwhelming force but must have had at least 2,000 men put out of action either in killed or wounded."

Another official report from Flinbart says:

"There were no signs of surrender, the burghers fighting with conspicuous bravery and maintaining their positions under heavy British fire. Our cannon were of very little use."

REPORT OF VICTORY UNCONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 4.45 a. m.—The war office is still without news from Ladysmith other than that already published. The general belief is that the large Boer forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magersfontein were partly drawn from Natal and that General Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return.

The newspapers are calling upon the government to employ the Cunarders as well as the White Star steamers as transports, seeing the urgent necessity of getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand men could still be sent from England without calling upon the militia for foreign service.

The greatest need, however, is speedy transports.

Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Cape Town yesterday, will possibly join Lord Methuen and take command of the combined forces.

The Daily Chronicle's Modder River dispatch, which is at variance with all the other reports, represent Lord Methuen's forces as retiring Tuesday on the camp at Modder River, as the result of renewed artillery firing that day. The correspondent says: "Tuesday forenoon the Boers brought heavy guns into action. The British artillery replied, but failed to silence them. Lord Methuen thereupon withdrew his force out of range and concentrated at Modder River."

BURYING THEIR DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 15.—Ambulances started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce, to collect the wounded and bury the dead who fell at Magersfontein. Brig. Gen. Wauchope, who led the Highland brigade, was found dead near the trenches shot in the chest and thigh. A few wounded were found near the trenches. Several wounded Boers were taken to the British hospital.

The side of the hill and the immediate neighborhood of the Boer trenches showed dead bodies all about. One wounded Boer informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that their loss was terrible. The whole Scandinavian contingent was destroyed. Judging from information gleaned from the Boer wounded and from prisoners taken in different parts of the field, the Boer losses must exceed 700. The destruction wrought by the naval guns was enormous.

Word was passed along the Boer lines to prepare to retreat at nightfall. All confess that it was their greatest loss during the war.

The British troops have returned to Modder River, owing to the lack of water near the position held yesterday.

ARTILLERY DUEL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FRERE CAMP, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Firing can be heard this morning in the direction of Colenso and an artillery duel is expected today.

THE LOYALISTS DISCOURAGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—"Lord Methuen's check, following General Gatacre's repulse," says the Capetown correspondent of the Daily News "has had a most depressing effect upon the loyalists who are by no means a growing body. They are filled with dark forebodings. Dutch disaffection is rapidly growing. A large section is restless and would need but little persuasion to join the Boers. "There are many disturbing reports from the eastern districts of Cape Colony, where many secret meetings have been held. The imperial authorities are arming the loyal farmers in the Stutterheim and Kelmal districts."

The correspondent of the Standard at Modder River, describing the fight with Magersfontein, says:

"Six miles had to be covered before the Highlanders could reach the Boer stronghold. It is not yet clear through what mischance the force which was led by guides, came upon the Boer trenches so unexpectedly and so suddenly.

"Beyond question the Boers were aware of the approach of the British and had prepared to receive them. According to the version two Highlanders through nervousness or clumsiness discharged their rifles prematurely but it is equally probable that the advance Boers scouts got the intelligence.

Our men were totally unprepared, they had not even fixed bayonets. The disaster was all the more exasperating because of the consciousness that, had the brigade been extended and with bayonets fixed, the trenches might have been skirmished with far less sacrifice of life."

ANOTHER COSTLY SKIRMISH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Forestier-Walker at Cape Town.

"General French wires, under date of December 13, reporting a skirmish at 8 o'clock in the morning, with 1950 Boers who were advancing southward toward Naauwpoort. The skirmishing continued all the morning, the Boers fighting on a front of fourteen miles. The enemy retired with a loss of forty killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed, seven wounded, including one officer and two missing.

DEATHS.

DINLEY—Thomas Dinley, aged 31 years and a well known citizen of Dracut, died early this morning at his home in Dinley street at the navy yard after a brief illness. He is the third victim of the typhoid epidemic that has been raging in Collinsville, he having contracted the disease while employed in the mill there. His early and sudden demise is a grievous blow to his family and large circle of friends. The deceased was a young man of exemplary character, correct habits and of a bright and genial disposition and had the friendship of many acquaintances. He has been a lifelong resident of Dracut and was well known throughout the town. He was a devoted husband and kind father. Deceased is survived by a wife and two children, Walter and Ellen, a father, Hugh Dinley, and three brothers, Michael and James of the navy yard and Frank of Penacook, N. H. The funeral will take place from the late home of the deceased Sunday afternoon.

STRIKE ORDERED

Pressmen and Feeders in Boston

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15—Several hundred junior pressmen, press feeders and helpers of Boston and vicinity go on strike today for an advance of weekly wage from $10 to $12.

About 250 others are not affected, having been granted an increase by 11 firms, or being employed by several of the larger firms which have been paying the schedule for some time past.

The men are all members of Franklin association 18, and the trouble which culminated in the strike vote last night has been brewing for some time.

For over a month the officers of the association have been endeavoring to bring about an adjustment of the matter and an acceptance of the scale without resorting to a strike.

The firms who yesterday agreed to pay the new scale are: Ginn & Co., Forbes lithograph company, Washington press, Nichols, Lounsbury & Worth, Spring Lane press, Eastern specialty company, Sparrell print, Charles H. Heintzman, Bartlett press, Thomas J. M. Smith and Cooperative Press.

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It is reported unofficially that Gov.-Elect Crane has chosen Captain Chas. S. Proctor of this city as a member of his staff and we shall henceforth address him as "Colonel."

The news will be received with general satisfaction by the many friends of Capt. Proctor and the governor is to be congratulated for the excellent judgment displayed.

Lowell has not had a member of the staff since Colonels Parker and Walsh served under Governor Greenhalge.

ARCHER A BANKRUPT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Dan. W. Archer, a broker, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District court. His liabilities are placed at $137,297 and assets at $15,0?? consisting of property in Council Bluffs, Ia. Among the principal creditors are: New Hampshire Banking company of Nashua, N. H., $88,615; Keene Five-Cent Savings bank, Keene, N. H., $8,000

SUPREME REGENT

Of Royal Arcanum the Guest of Lowell Council

AT RECEPTION IN ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE

Interesting Address on Benefits of Order

The Arcanumites were out in force last evening when Lowell Council, No. 8, tendered a reception to Supreme Regent of the United States W. Holt Apgar of Trenton N. J., and District Deputy John A. Carver of Boston. The supreme vice regent J. A. Langille and the supreme orator, A. S. Robinson, were expected to be present but they were unavoidably detained. The Apollo quartet, Messrs. Wirt, Burns, Foster and Sturtevant enlivened the affair with several well rendered selections and Fay H. Martin, regent of Lowell Council, presided.

The affair was pleasantly informal, and the ushers at the reception were Messrs. A. R. Merrill, Fred B. Brannan and F. X. A. Hurtubise.

During the evening, addresses were made by the guests.

District Deputy Grand Regent John A. Currier was introduced as "Our John." He said in the course of an interesting address: "I am glad to learn of the success of Lowell council, Royal Arcanum and I hope that the coming year will be attended by even better results. In Buffalo recently, 92 were gathered in and while we may not expect such a pronounced success, we must not give up our work in the direction of getting new members. Lowell is one of the best cities in New England for the Royal Arcanum and she cannot afford to have her record in this respect superseded by any other city."

Supreme Regent Hon. W. Holt Apgar of Trenton, N. J. was given three rousing cheers when he stepped forward to speak. In part he said:

"I am sure that this city with 1000 members speaks well for the work done by Regents Daly, David and Walsh. In Trenton we have only 700 but the percentage is the same, as our population is less. The membership of the Royal Arcanum today is 191,953. Why was it organized? Life insurance seemed to have been created for people of money and the Royal Arcanum was established for the man of ordinary means. It was a protest against prohibitory rates of insurance and as such it represented the other extreme. When our nine brothers in Boston started the organization they presented an entirely new schedule of rates. We have now nearly 200,000 members and have distributed $54,000,000. There has been paid out $19,000 every day in the United States and Canada.

"People say we are too cheap to live and that such low rates will make our perpetuity impossible. There is no company in existence today that gives to its members so complete a financial statement each month as the Royal Arcanum. It is perfectly solvent. We have a constantly growing emergency fund and it will soon reach $500,000. We have at present $734,174.55 in this fund. We have over $500,000 in the Widow's and Orphans' Benefit fund and we would have as much more if we omitted as liabilities statements that other organizations omit. Every death is represented in the statement of liabilities whether officially or semi-officially reported. As long as the death claims are paid there are no grounds upon which a court could declare an organization insolvent. By official report of deaths I mean where full proofs of death are sent in to the secretary and by 'semi-official' I mean simple reports of deaths, some of which do not mature into legal claims for months and some of them never.

"We have made the Arcanum stronger and better. The strong point of any insurance organization is that its emergency fund shows a growth every year. Be suspicious of an organization that cannot show a condition of this kind. The insurance companies have to contend with more in the line of expenses than we have. They have among other things agents and advertising to pay for, while our treasury is not affected in this way. The dues take care of all our expenses. The Royal Arcanum is safe today, it will be safe tomorrow and 20 years from now.

"Will the rates have to be changed? They will not if we have each year a normal increase. I would rather see a normal increase than a boom growth, because fewer members would leave it. We haven't a mushroom growth, but are composed of men who have an abiding sense of the essentials which are necessary for the permanency of the organization. I would not say that a raise in rates is not a development of the future and if it is found necessary it will not in the least affect our success.

"We have had a remarkable growth this year. Up to December 1 of this year we have had a record of 2700 new members. By May 1, 1900, we hope to have a total of 20,000 members. This will mean the necessity of 8041 new members. I believe that we will increase the strength of the emergency fund to $1,000,000 by May 1."

W. HOLT APGAR, SUPREME REGENT ROYAL ARCANUM, WHO VISITED LOWELL COUNCIL AT ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE LAST NIGHT.

PRICES ADVANCED

OF THE HOSIERY PRODUCT OF SOUTHERN MILLS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 15.—The Southern Association of Hosiery Manufacturers was organized in this city yesterday at a convention of hosiery mill men representing the larger interests of that line in the south. V. Ballard of Durham, N. C., was chosen president. The executive committee will report on constitution and by-laws at an adjourned meeting to be held in Atlanta, Ga., the second Thursday in January. Before the adjournment, an agreement was reached advancing the price of the hosiery product of the mills representing ten per cent, to go into effect January 1.

MATRIMONIAL.

GURNEY—JAQUES.

Mr. George H. Gurney, bookkeeper in the Traders' National bank, and Miss Grace Jaques of Dracut were married Wednesday evening by Rev. Smith Thomas Ford, at his residence in School street. Mr. Ernest Warren and Miss Grace McGillevry were best man and bridesmaid.

After the marriage a reception was held at the home of Mr. Frank Lawrence in Appleton street, for immediate friends only.

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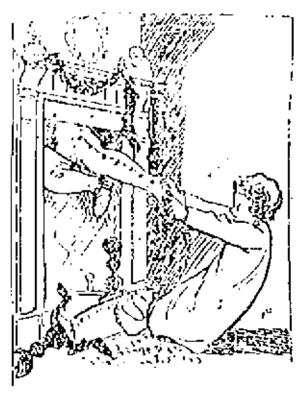

A TIMELY TIP.

"Fashion Corner has the modes for men."

A WHISPERED WARNING.

"Don't buy me the Santa Claus Neckwear of the dry goods store."

Shoppers, lady buyers! This is your reception week at Fashion Corner. Next week the crowd will be thicker and the stock thinner. Put this memorandum on your shopping tablet: "Merrimack Clothing Co., opposite City Hall." You will see much that will interest you personally, more than will interest your gentlemen friends. The strong light makes our display of rich silks a pretty sight. Here is exclusiveness waiting for you that is not seen elsewhere. Men about town are familiar with our up-to-date furnishing and any substitute purchased at a dry goods store will suffer in comparison. Reserve a full hour for a thorough inspection.

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A bright new stock of novel and staple neckwear in the latest designs. A windowful and a storeful—the largest stock we've ever shown.

Our great strength is in the 50 cent line, but a good variety is shown for selection at 25 cents.

The most elegant styles in rich satins and beautiful silks are $1.00 and $1.25.

Ladies' Neckwear

We have some exceptionally attractive styles in ladies' plain and embroidered scarfs, imperials and squares at from $1.00 to $1.50.

Xmas Suspenders

New and handsome designs and colorings in gentlemen's holiday braces. These are elegantly mounted.

Also new novelties in arm elastics and hose supporters.

Mufflers.

Silk or cashmere.

Umbrellas.

Sizes suitable for both sexes. Handles in the natural wood, sterling silver trimmed, horn and Dresden ware. Fine silk, taffeta and union cloths.

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Wool lined, silk lined, lamb-skin lined or unlined. Kid, mocha, suede or fur. The kind he wears is in our stock. Gloves for driving, dress or any purpose for which gloves are made.

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TO HELP BOERS

Regiment of Irish Americans to be Formed

PARTY TO LEAVE FOR PARIS

Five Hundred More Soon to Follow

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 14.—The Plain Dealer today says: A party of twenty-five young Irish-Americans left this city to join the Boers in their fight against Great Britain. At New York these young men who are mostly veterans of the Spanish-American war, will join about 500 other Irishmen and the entire party will sail from New York on Saturday for Paris. In the latter city the men will join an Irish regiment being formed to go to the assistance of the Boers. The recruits from this country come largely from Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland and other cities. Five hundred more Irish-Americans will follow to Paris in a couple of weeks. Plans have already been made for the entire regiment of 1,000 to reach the scene of the fighting.

HELPLESS SHIPS

Tossed About by the Heavy Seas

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Norton line steamer Manica, Captain Smith, arrived this morning from Shields and reports that December 5, in lat. 45.16, long. 41.3 the tunnel shaft broke. Shortly afterward the German steamer Albano from Hamburg for New York, came along and took the disabled steamer in tow. After an hour's time, the hawser parted and the Albano proceeded on her course. During the night of the second it came on to blow a hard gale from the northwest with tremendous sea, the ship lying helplessly in the trough of the sea. The seas broke over the decks, continually and started everything adrift.

On the morning of the third a sea-anchor consisting of spars lashed together was put over board which kept the ship's head to the seas and steadied her so that the engineers were enabled to make temporary repair.

At 5.25 p. m., the engines were started and she resumed her voyage. A succession of hard northwest to south southwest gales with heavy seas prevailed for several days, during which the ship was hove to. Captain Smith says that Chief Engineer Gooding is entitled to all praise for his wonderful work in making most difficult repairs in mid-ocean and in extremely heavy weather.

BOWLING NEWS

TEAMS ONE AND FOUR BATTLE ON LES MISERABLES ALLEYS.

The sixth game in the Bankers' tournament was rolled yesterday on Les Miserables alleys and the contending teams were One and Three, which resulted in the defeat of the latter.

The last and deciding game will be rolled today on the same alleys, between Teams One and Four. Team Four has only one string to win to tie for first place and two to win. It will be a hot game as there is considerable rivalry. Fletcher, captain of Team Two, at present leads for highest single string.

The result yesterday was as follows:

TEAM ONE.

Ela (capt.)	167	126	137—370
N. G. Lamson	95	123	122—351
Chase	112	122	172—426
Conant	132	102	137—371
Totals	[illegible]	483	462 1378

TEAM THREE.

Clogston (capt.)	177	135	153—465
Currier	99	134	135—368
Downes	94	116	130—340
*Gurney	116	111	129—356
Totals	470	496	501—1460

*—Absent; average allowed.

THE LAST GAME.

The Young Fellows and Wamesits rolled the 2nd schedule game of the fall tournament on the Wamesit alleys last night and it resulted in a well earned victory of the former team. The game was exciting from start to finish and was peppered with individual singles of 200 and over and 500 and over for individual three strings. The score:

YOUNG FELLOWS.

Farrell	173	200	191—[illegible]
Kelley	170	211	[illegible]
Dunham	156	188	167—511
O. Donahue	161	149	185—[illegible]
D. Donahue	153	1[illegible]	141—[illegible]
Totals	8[illegible]5	931	[illegible]—25[illegible]

WAMESITS.

Brainard	171	1[illegible]	1[illegible]—[illegible]
McCormick	1[illegible]	156	151—[illegible]
Merrill	1[illegible]	164	1[illegible]—524
Death	1[illegible]0	[illegible]	17[illegible]—[illegible]
Gregory	2[illegible]	1[illegible]	147—[illegible]
Totals	[illegible]	831	[illegible]—25[illegible]

SIX CENTS A QUART

FARMERS AND MILK DEALERS HELD A MEETING.

At the last meeting of farmers and milk dealers a committee of milk producers from Lowell and adjacent towns was appointed to fix a uniform price for milk. The committee met yesterday afternoon in conference with the Milk Dealers' association of Lowell, at 61 Railroad street.

It was voted to fix the price of contracted milk, from now to the first of April, 1900 at 28 cents a can within a limit of five miles from the Lowell post office and 26 cents a can beyond that limit. It was also voted to form an organization of the farmers and a committee of five will be appointed later to draft a constitution and set of by-laws. The organization is to cooperate with the milk dealers to secure the advancement of the interests of both.

The milk dealers represented also passed a motion, that a petition shall be circulated among the dealers, asking them to pledge themselves not to take on any new trade from now on to the first of April, for less than six cents a quart.

Leather Toilet Traveling Cases. Devine's, 58 Merrimack St.

THE MONTHLY SOCIABLE.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Highland M. E. church held their monthly sociable Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. The committee in charge were Mrs. L. S. Wood, Mrs. J. P. Slater, Mrs. A. E. Hunt, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Wyman Farrell, Mrs. Howard Moore, Mrs. W. H. Brown, Mrs. W. A. Thomas.

The entertainment in charge of Miss Eva Lombard, consisted of tableaux and numbers by Miss Flora Lee, Ethel and Lena Pearl, Ella Lewis and Mercy and Grace Brown.

Tonight

Just before retiring, if your liver is sluggish, out of tune and you feel dull, bilious, constipated, take a dose of

Hood's Pills

And you'll be all right in the morning.

$3,500,000 ISSUE

To Tide Over the Globe National Bank

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the Boston Clearing Assn., representing the national banks in this city, here today, it was voted to issue $3,500,000 in special clearing house certificates to enable the Globe National Bank to tide over the difficulties in its finances which have existed for sometime. It is announced at the clearing house that the bank will thereby be able to continue without further trouble. The finances of the institution have been in an unsatisfactory condition owing to unprofitable investments in oil and mining securities. The trouble first came to the surface early in November when President Chas. H. Cole resigned his position. For several weeks his successor, H. H. Stevens and his assistants have been endeavoring to place the bank on a firmer basis. It was found, however, that a large amount of certain securities could not be disposed of readily, the stocks having steadily failed in value the past fortnight, and the matter was laid before the clearing house association with the result that assistance was voted today.

This issuing of special certificates is a method sometimes adopted by the clearing house for the benefit of a bank which is embarrassed.

The transactions which led to the present difficulty of the bank were of considerable magnitude and they involved some very heavy loans, United States Oil and United States Mining and other bonds being taken as securities. The loans were made when the stocks were selling at a good figure but later, prices began to fall. The directors called Mr. Cole's attention to the unsatisfactory nature of the loans and after some discussion, President Cole resigned his position on November 6. His place was filled by Vice President C. H. Stevens. When Mr. Cole's resignation was accepted, it was with the understanding that he would take up the loans he had made. The process has been very slow and the recent sharp decline in the market made matters worse. The slump touched not only the shares alluded to but those of other mining companies identified with the name of A. H. Bigelow, a director of the Globe bank, and president of the Boston and Montana, Tamarack and Osceola companies.

This added to the uneasiness felt with regard to the situation. The result was a condition of affairs that prompted the clearing house to come to the assistance of the Globe bank and today's vote was taken.

President Stevens after the meeting said: "The Globe National bank is all right. This is merely an ordinary matter of business. Circumstances were such that I decided last night to borrow $3,500,000 and the fact that the clearing house was willing to loan it to us is sufficiently good proof that the bank is solvent. They would not advance us one cent if we could not show a clean balance sheet. We have resources, in cash on hand, money owed us, securities and real property sufficient to pay every cent we owe and no creditor need be in the least alarmed."

The last report of the condition of the Globe National bank at the close of business December 2, showed resources of $10,529,956.46 and liabilities including capital stock paid in, $1,000,000; due to other banks, $1,927,261; due to state banks and bankers, $347,537; and individual deposits subject to checks, $5,-178,068.

BEALS AND MACK

Both are Candidates Against Their Bosses

AND BOTH HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS

Whittet Discharged Mack This Morning

Assistant Superintendent Mack of the commons department has announced his candidacy for the superintendency against his boss, Mr. Whittet, and as a result, Mr. Whittet refused him his team, demanded his keys and practically then and there "fired" him.

Supt. of Sewers Laforest Beals who it was reported was fired by Supt. Cheney announces that he is a candidate for superintendent of streets against Cheney and will now be fired if he never was before.

By inauguration day, there will be more fun than the proverbial "goat" with those republican candidates.

NEW POSTMASTER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—M. E. Littlefield was appointed Postmaster of the fourth class for Howell, N. H., today.

NOTORIOUS PICKPOCKET

"OLD JIM" McCAFFREY LOCKED UP IN BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—"Old Jim" McCaffrey, alias "Jim" Brice, one of the oldest and most notorious pickpockets in the country, is locked up at East Cambridge, to await trial at the February term of the Middlesex criminal court. He was arrested in Providence at the instigation of Chief Inspector J. E. Murray of the Cambridge police department who has been looking for him since June, 1898, and was brought to Cambridge late yesterday afternoon by the inspector.

In May, 1898, McCaffrey with three younger men was seen in Harvard square, Cambridge, operating among persons who were waiting for cars. Patrolman Winslow of Division 1 arrested him while he had his hand in a woman's pocket and after a tussle during which the other three escaped, he was locked up. He was given a hearing in the district court and admitted to bail to await the June term of the superior court, a Boston woman, Mary Smith, going on his bond. When his case was called for trial at East Cambridge he was defaulted.

Word was sent to the police departments of the principal cities of the country to arrest him for the Cambridge authorities. Since then McCaffrey has been heard from in North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Georgia, Florida and Cuba. He landed in Providence, R. I., a short time ago and was seen with three othermen on the street Tuesday afternoon by Detective Parker of that city, who immediately recognized him. The four were placed under arrest and Inspector Murray was notified and he went for McCaffrey yesterday morning.

TWO PROVINCES

Surrendered to Captain McCalla

INSURGENTS LOSING AT ALL POINTS

An Insurgent Stronghold Captured

ONLY AGUINALDO'S CAPTURE REMAINS

To Wind up the War in Luzon

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The naval account of the operations of the ships in Luzon is contained in two cablegrams from Admiral Watson at Cavite the first of which reads as follows:

"Cavite, Dec. 13.—Burrill reports that the Wheeling landed a naval force and a detachment of troops, Kaiser commanding, 16 miles north of Lalong, northwest of Luzon, and attacked the city yesterday releasing 160 Spaniards. An holding at the request of General Young. No casualties.

(Signed) WATSON."

The second cablegram read:

Cavite, Dec. 13.—Gen. Tirona, commanding Filipinos, unconditionally surrendered Aparri and Cagayan provinces to Captain McCalla of the Newark on the eleventh of December.

Princeton and Helene at present in the river. All arms and ammunition surrendered. Tirona surrendered from patriotic motives to prevent further blood-hed. He was appointed civil governor by Captain McCalla subject to the approval of Otis. The Helena was dispatched up the river with stores for Batchelder's troops 20 miles south of Aparri. Aparri and Engaña lighthouses re-lighted.

(Signed) WATSON.

U. S. VICTORY

COL. HAYES' CAVALRY CAPTURES INSURGENT STRONGHOLD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 14.—A detachment of Col. Hayes' cavalry under Lieut. Arnold, has captured Bionabato, the mountain stronghold where the last insurrection was ended with a peace treaty. A large quantity of ammunition of war was secured.

Major Batchelor's battalion of the 24th infantry is making slow progress in the Aparri valley. The villages are giving the colored troops banquets and balls everywhere.

EX-MAYOR TITCOMB DEAD

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Dec. 14—Hon. Albert T. Titcomb, ex-mayor of Newburyport, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home in this city today. He was 68 years og age. He was director of the Merchants' National bank, and also of the Five Cent Savings bank here. He is survived by a widow and two children.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY

FOR CITY EMPLOYES IN LAWRENCE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 14—"Bank hours" will be nearly approximated by the horny-handed sons of toil in the employ of the city when the eight-hour-a-day system goes into effect next Monday.

Department Superintendents met in the office of the water board Tuesday afternoon and decided upon that course. Park and cemetery departments were not represented but will take action shortly if the central labor union can bring it about.

The street, public property and the health department employes will get a half holiday every Saturday but they make up that four hours by getting to work at 7.25 o'clock each morning.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of Nov. 29, are announced:

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original—William Peters, Pittsfield, $6; George L. Sawtelle, Jamaica Plain, $6; William R. Ryan, Boston, $6.

Additional—Special, Dec. 2, Alfred H. Harrington, Adams, $4 to $8.

Restoration and Reissue—John L. Rose (dead), North Easton, $10.

Increase—William H. Fletcher, Springfield, $6 to $10.

Original, Widows, Etc.—Mary O'Connell, Wakefield, $8.

1000 Dress Suit Cases from $2.00 to $20.00 at Devine's, 58 Merrimack St.

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If you have any of the above symptoms, procure without delay a box of Dr. Hallock's Wonderful Electric Pills for Weak, Worn Out Nervous People. These pills act directly upon the nerve centers and they produce a tonic and invigorating action on the whole body, followed by a feeling of unusual comfort and strength. Dr. Hallock's Wonderful Electric Pills will permanently cure all nervous affections—make you think clearly—do away with dizziness and those harrowing specks before the eyes. By using Dr. Hallock's Electric Pills for Weak, Worn Out Nervous People, the appetite is stimulated and the patient takes on an animated, healthy appearance where before was languor and a pale, pallid face. The pills give rich, new blood to the entire system and cure after all else fails. Give them a trial.

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WITH FAMERRS

Affiliation of American Federation is Urged

SUSAN B. ANTHONY SPOKE YESTERDAY

Pleads for the Enfranchisement of Women

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14—President Fred J. Kneeland of the Boston Central Labor union opened yesterday's session of the 19th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor in this city.

Mr. Kneeland made a vigorous speech in opposition to the recognition of a delegate from the Central Labor Union, in Omaha, who represented the seceding portion of painters, over which the labor body's convention. Mr. Kneeland, supported as he was by the Boston delegates, won for his union a signal victory.

There was great interest manifested at the American Federation convention yesterday morning in the announcement that for the first time a genuine representative of the International Farmers' union stood before the delegates.

The delegate was from Binghamton, N. Y., but a technical matter prevented the convention giving him a vote, his credentials not having been sent to headquarters in time.

The plan as unfolded by the speaker was to organize all the granges in the country into unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and all farmers' organizations in the central part of New York state had already been formed.

"When," said he, "it is remembered that at one time the Farmers' Alliance had 3½ members, and that half the population of the United States are farmers, it can be seen what a great field lies open for the cultivation of unionism; a field that is ready for the reaper.

"As soon as the small storekeepers in the country districts are educated to keep union made goods by the demands of the farmers for them, the success of the union label and of organized labor is assured. The grangers will welcome your organizers, and we can so unite the interests of the mechanic and the tiller of the soil so as to make the movement irresistible."

At the conclusion of his remarks half a dozen delegates were on their feet for recognition to speak in favor of a special committee to push the project, and one was named forthwith.

If the convention can have its way, all government printing will hereafter bear the union label. The officers have been ordered to endeavor to secure a law from the present congress to this effect. The South is to be better organized through the work of traveling delegates.

The presence of Susan B. Anthony to plead for the enfranchisement of women aroused the delegates to a show of enthusiasm. Her remarks were in line with the past course of the federation and any action other than that which she asked—the petitioning of congress to pass an enactment submitting to the state legislatures a constitutional amendment allowing all citizens, irrespective of sex, to vote—would, it was contended, be an impossibility without stultifying themselves.

Away back in 1868 Miss Anthony was a delegate to a New York city trades council, and she told her auditors how, even then, the question of woman suffrage had been agitated, and received the approval of organized labor. As the old lady stood on the platform, bent with the weight of 80 years, her voice still strong, and her mind apparently as clear as ever, she was a remarkable picture of persistent effort in one direction.

"It is disenfranchisement that degrades women," Miss Anthony contended. "The right of citizenship is a natural right. Women cannot win stakes now unless with the backing of their fellow workers. They need the power of the ballot to enforce their demands, and I ask you to give the women workers of the country the same rights and privileges as you yourselves enjoy."

Vice Pres. O'Connell, who was in the chair, assured Miss Anthony that the Federation of Labor had her cause at heart, and that her request would receive due consideration. She responded, thanking the convention for the courtesy of a hearing "for the other half, which you call the better half."

Mr. David A. Carey, the Canadian delegate, who addressed the convention, made a very favorable impression upon the delegates.

P. J. McGuire, the first vice-president, who presided for the first time since the convention, made a brilliant response to the address of the visiting delegates, his remarks being received with tumultuous applause.

Delegate D. D. Driscoll of the horseshoers of Boston announced that the eight-hour law had been carried in Boston, by a vote of over 4 to 1. Great applause followed this announcement and the Boston delegates were heartily applauded.

Delegate Thomas F. Tracy of Boston called the attention of the delegates to the importance of the fight of the cigarmakers' international union against a New York firm.

By unanimous vote the convention decided to sustain the cigarmakers in their contention.

A protest is to be made against Senator Kyle longer serving on the committee of labor of congress on account of his alleged antagonism to the eight-hour bill, the defeat of which, Pres. Gompers report said, he was responsible for in the last congress.

The United States government will be asked to use union labels on all its publications.

The request for more workers in organizing freight handlers and porters was granted.

An effort will be made to organize the States and Canada into a national union, and preliminary steps have already been taken.

STRIKERS APPEAL

To the Textile Operatives National Association

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 14.—All the departments of No. 1 mill of the Lonsdale company were started up this morning, excepting the weave room, the 200 employes of which are on strike. Supt. Pratt states that he has enough orders for yarn on hand to keep the mill running until January, so that for the present the other departments will not be affected by the weavers' strike.

The strikers have appealed to the National Federation of Textile Operatives of America.

The National secretary of which, Albert Hilbert was at a meeting of the weavers in Lonsdale Tuesday night. It is probable that Secretary Hilbert will report the matter at a meeting of the national executive council, to be held within a few days, probably Sunday. It is expected that the executive council will sanction the strike.

SEC. LONG

HAS A PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE OFFICES

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Secretary Long has taken the first step toward carrying out his project for the consolidation of the naval bureaus under one head and has prepared a bill to be introduced immediately in Congress for that purpose.

The bill proposes to consolidate the bureau of construction and repair, steam engineering and equipment under one bureau to be called the bureau of ships; its duties to be those which now pertain to the three existing bureaus above named. In one bureau there are to be two divisions, one of construction and the other of machinery.

The chief of the bureau of ships is to be appointed from the list of nine officers or naval constructors, not below the grade of commander. The chief of the division of construction is to be appointed from the list of naval constructors and the chief of the division of machinery from the list of line officers having skill as engineers.

The hydrographic office, which now, by law, is under the bureau of equipment, is to be under the supervision of the assistant secretary. Other offices, such as the naval observatory, purchases of coal, etc., are not referred to in the bill, because under the law as it is they are subject to distribution by the secretary of the navy.

The act is to take effect July 1, 1900, at the beginning of the then fiscal year, before which time the present head of construction will have retired and the terms of office of the heads of the other two bureaus will have expired.

STOCK MARKET

SEVERAL DEPRECIATIONS IN COPPER STOCK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—As the result of the money situation on State street and some apprehension over the connection of several mining men with the affairs of the Globe National Bank, which was aided this forenoon by the Clearing house association, there was some excitement in the stock market here soon after it opened for business. Some of the copper shares formed an object of attack and prices fell rapidly. Tamarack and Boston & Montana, both were sold heavily. Block after block of Montana was thrown on the market, mainly long stock, until the price sagged to 270, a decline of $25 a share from the opening and $35 from yesterday's close. Montana afterwards rallied somewhat. Arcadian, Parrott and the other coppers suffered in a less degree. United States Oil fell to 27 and liquidation in many other stocks was in progress.

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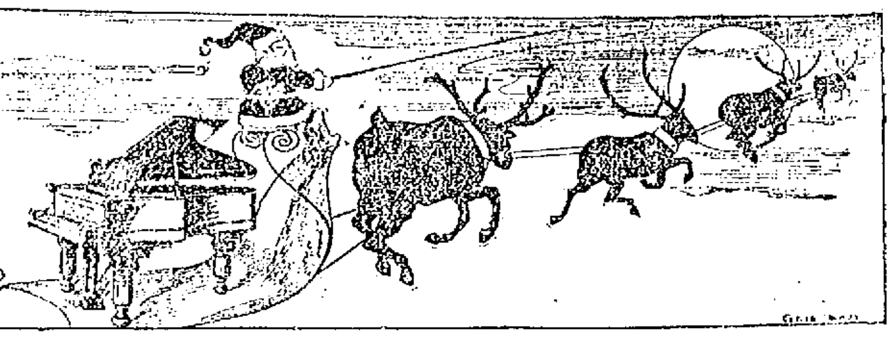

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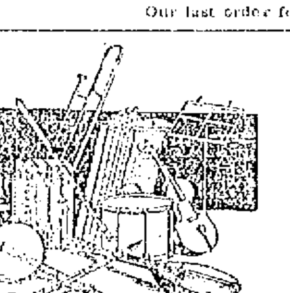

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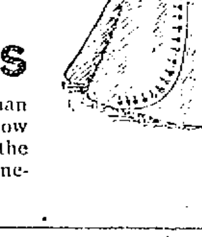

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THE TAX DIVISION

New Hampshire Towns Receive Their Statement

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 14.—State Treasurer Carter on Wednesday completed the apportionment of the corporation taxes and literary fund to the towns, and the towns will within a day or two receive the statement of their account with the state, and the balances due to or from the towns in the adjustment of their state taxes.

The statements to the towns are nearly a month later than usual this year, by reason of delays in the payment of certain savings bank taxes, where appeals for abatement were made to the supreme court under the statute of 1895. After a month's delay, the statements have been made up with five banks still delinquent.

The assessment of the state tax for 1899 upon 235 towns and 21 unincorporated places amounted to $425,000. The towns are credited with the following sums:

School fund, $18,759; insurance tax, $10,257; railroad tax, $210,105.64; savings banks tax, $312,[illegible]; literary fund, $36,653.66; total credit, $588,[illegible].28.

State tax, $425,000.

Balance in favor of towns, $163,3[illegible].28.

In the adjustment of the foregoing accounts, 156 towns receive balances amounting to $188,634.94, and 7[illegible] towns and incorporated places pay balances amounting to $25,2[illegible], making the net balance in favor of the towns $163,3[illegible].28.

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FOLEY'S PARDON

Murderer's Aged Mother Petitions Pres. McKinley

FOR THE RELEASE OF THEIR ERRING SON

He Figured in the Foster Murder

An appeal to President McKinley for the pardon of Patrick J. Foley, now serving a life sentence in the state prison for complicity in the murder of Duroy S. Foster of Burlington has been made by his aged father and mother, who live in Kerry county, Ireland, as reported exclusively in last night's Sun.

The appeal was forwarded to Gov. Wolcott a few days ago with a request that an inquiry into the facts of the case be made. Gov. Wolcott referred the petition to the prison commissioners and an agent of that commission is now engaged on the case. He will interview witnesses after which a report embodying all the facts in the case will be made.

The petition of the murderer's parents is as follows:

To the President, United States of America, White House, Washington:

The humble petition of James and Catherine Foley showeth:

That to their inexpressible grief their son, Patrick J. Foley, was convicted of murder alleged to have been committed in the town of Woburn, near Boston, in the year 1893 and then sentenced to be executed, but on a second trial this sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life; and that he is at present imprisoned in Charlestown, Mass.

That petitioners have through life borne an unsullied character and that they have reared a family of four other sons and one daughter, all of whom have long since attained their majority and against whom no crime against the law not even the most trivial, was ever alleged.

That the culprit, Patrick J. Foley, from his childhood up to the date of this most lamentable occurrence also bore the very best of character, and was never until then accused of any crime whatsoever, as can be testified to by his employer, J. Turner Huggard, a gentleman of high social standing and moving in the best society in this county of Kerry.

That at his trial there was a grave doubt of the culpability of the culprit as reported in the public press of that date.

That petitioners humbly beg of you to exercise your prerogative of mercy by liberating the culprit, and that he will undertake if liberated to leave the United States and never more return thereto.

That petitioners humbly and beseechingly beg of you to exercise your prerogative of mercy by liberating the culprit thereby restoring an erring and misguided child to the bosom of his aicted and heart-broken parents.

JAMES FOLEY,
CATHERINE FOLEY.

It is evident from the petition that Mr. and Mrs. Foley have been misinformed as to the facts in the case, especially in one particular. The petition states that Foley was convicted of murder, sentenced to be executed, but on second trial this sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life. Foley was not sentenced to death and had only one trial. He was convicted of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The murder for which Foley was sentenced to prison for life occurred on the night of Sept. 11, 1894. For three days after the commission of the crime residents of Woburn, Billerica and the surrounding country were wild with excitement.

The crime was an atrocious one. Three men, it was brought out at the trial, had left Somerville in a covered express wagon and gone out into the country to rob farmhouses and men. The wagon was easily traced on its way home after an attempt had been made to capture the thieves resulting in the shooting of Duroy S. Foster.

In the minds of many people there always existed doubt as to Foley's connection with the crime. On the morning of the opening of the trial Mrs. Foley came into the court room, holding an infant baby in her arms. Up to the iron cage where her husband sat, she stepped and held the child up for the father to kiss and caress.

Counsel for Foley, addressing the court in his behalf, said:

"He is a young man of foreign birth. He has been an honest, hard-working laboring man. No taint of crime or alleged wrongdoing has been attributed to him until this case.

"He left his mother and other relatives in Ireland and came to this country to better his condition. Oct. 1, 1893, he was married to Sullivan's sister, and they lived together as man and wife until the day of his arrest. Foley worked most of the time on the metropolitan sewer.

"A few weeks before his arrest Mr. and Mrs. Foley removed from Warren street, Boston, to Somerville. Mr. Foley gave to his wife the envelope containing his pay. He was a devoted, temperate husband. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Foley, July 5, 1894.

"On the night of Sept. 11. It will be shown that he was in bed with his wife and child between 10.30 o'clock at night and 5 o'clock in the morning of Sept. 12. You will be shown where he was a part of the time when they allege he was in Woburn, Burlington and Billerica.

"There was a fortunate reason and I think God was particularly good to this woman that night. It was that night that the first cross word passed between her and her husband. It was stamped upon her mind and she will relate to you upon the witness stand all the particulars of that occurrence."

Mrs. Foley took the stand, and, as far as a wife could do, she tried to establish an alibi for her husband. She said:

"I shall never forget the day of Sept. 11, 1894. My husband went to Charlestown to work. He ate his breakfast at home. I next saw him at 6.15 o'clock that night and he ate his supper. He brought some wood and coal, and told me that he was going with my brother Pat to have a ride. I next saw him at 10.30 o'clock that night.

"When my husband worked days he generally spent his time at home. The night of Sept. 11, I looked at the clock and saw it was 10.30 o'clock. I had to get up to open the door for him. He came in and went to bed. I lighted a lamp to see what time it was. The clock was on the mantel in the kitchen.

"I kept the clock at correct time by the horn blowing. My husband and I had some words that night. It was on account of his being out late. I did not like being left alone. He was sober and retired with me and our child.

"My baby was nursed at 2 o'clock on the morning of Sept 12 and my husband was lying on the bed. My husband went to the store at 5 o'clock in the morning to get some spareribs, cabbage and steak. We had smoked shoulder and fried eggs that morning for breakfast.

"On the night of Sept. 12 we were aroused by policemen at 12.30 o'clock. I answered the knock and was told they were policemen. They asked for Patrick Foley and if Patrick Sullivan was his brother-in-law. The officers entered. They told me to go or they would take my husband from me. My husband went out to them. I got some clean clothes for my husband before he was taken by the officers. He has not yet returned."

At the conclusion of her testimony Mrs. Foley reeled and fell to the floor in a faint. The judge ordered a recess while Mrs. Foley was cared for by a physician.

MUSIC HALL

Those present at last night's performance were agreeably delighted at the strong bill that was given and will continue to be given for the remainder of the week. The piece, "A Grip of Steel" by Benjamin Shirley and Arthur Landeck, is an ideal melodrama and holds the attention of the audience from the beginning until the end of the last act. The scenic effects are many and appropriate while the cast is an exceptionally strong one.

James Gordon as Ronjane is a man of good abilities in his interpretation of this part. As the robber chief and as the husband, he was magnificent and his denunciation of the traitor Edouard in the third act was a masterly piece of acting and evoked great applause. John E. Hynes, as Pere Grudelu, a miser, acted his trying part acceptably. The character of Edouard, the contemptible traitor, was taken care of by John Sudley and received the occasional hisses which such a part is entitled to. Frank M. Allen as the landlord of an inn showed wonderful nerve in his detective work. Al. Kranz as the Irish mesmerist and Lawrence Merton as a pal of Ronjane furnished the comedy end of the male cast and gave the audience something to laugh about. Miss Florence St. Leonard as the blind wife of Ronjane was clever. Her portrayal of this difficult role was indeed praiseworthy and merited the appreciation of those present. Miss Lois Jaynes as the landlord's daughter was vivacious and helped the comedy end of the play.

SAVOY THEATRE

Two large audiences were entertained at this house yesterday and the same enjoyment was manifest that was noted earlier in the week. The bill seems to please everybody. For entertainers there was Carlotta, champion lady cyclist and a former Lowell girl, who performed some wonderful and daring tricks on the wheel; then Collins & Mandell in a musical turn of great merit; good dancing by Morrisey & Proctor; Katherine Bingham in several vocal pieces; Hart & Bessie in comedy and clever impersonations and the three Renos in pantomime acrobatic work.

The usual matinee today at 2.30, the prices being 10 and 20 cents. This evening 8.15 Price 10, 20 and 30 cents.

MEMORIAL CHAIR

In Honor of Archbishop Williams

TO BE ENDOWED IN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Plans Adopted to Raise the Funds

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—A movement has been inaugurated in Boston to honor Archbishop Williams with what is generally considered the most fitting tribute to him. This movement has been started in connection with the mission of Archbishop Keane to raise $500,000 as a permanent endowment for the Catholic University in Washington. The idea is to raise in Boston alone the sum of $50,000 and to use this fund to found and endow a chair in the university as a memorial to Archbishop Williams.

All who have been consulted regarding the movement are enthusiastic over the idea. They consider it a happy and most appropriate way of honoring the archbishop and one of the most acceptable tributes that could be offered to the revered prelate himself. Moreover the plan is doubly popular from the fact that while the archbishop is being honored by the founding of the chair, the university is just as much benefited as though the money were given directly, without any specific object, but simply for the general endowment fund.

Archbishop Keane has still further simplified the plan to such an extent that the donors scarcely feel that they are making any contributions at all. To a Post representative he thus outlined the plan yesterday:

"In case the donors so desire, they need not pay us the money outright. All they need do is pay annually to the university the interest at 5 per cent. on the amount which they desire to contribute. The university would, of course, invest the money in any case for only the interest would be used for the university fund and when the donors desire they can retain the principal and pay the interest yearly to the university.

"We can confidently rely on the integrity of the people who contribute, and that being the case, the university is just as much benefited by getting the yearly interest. Of course eventually the principal should come into the possession of the university and with this object in view, many of the contributors have desired to make an arrangement to provide in their will for a legacy to the university to the amount of their contributions."

Archbishop Keane said that many had already made contributions of from $1000 to $5000. Under the plan outlined, a contributor of $1000 would only have to pay $50 a year which seems almost trifling, while even a contribution of $5000 would only mean a payment of $250 to the university.

The money will not be required until October of next year and by that time it is expected to have far more than the $50,000 required to endow the chair. It is probable that the presentation of the fund and the tribute to Archbishop Williams will be made the occasion for an interesting ceremony and that a delegation of clergymen and prominent laymen from Boston will make the formal presentation.

In Father Ronan's parish, Dorchester, Archbishop Keane has had remarkable success. James J. Costello, Esq., and a number of prominent men in the district have become much interested in the project and it is expected that all over the city the plan will be received with the same degree of enthusiasm.

PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

The Hildreth Mission, connected with the Fifth Street Baptist church, was the scene of a pleasant entertainment last night given under the auspices of Mrs. Nellison, Mrs. W. N. Burke, and Miss Minnie Hobbs. The program opened with a song of greeting by a chorus and among the other numbers on the program were songs by Miss Lafleur, Miss Millie Wentworth, Mrs. W. N. Burke and Miss Nellie Flanders; two dialogue selections and recitations by Jennie Shaw and Stella Wilson; and a banjo solo by Roy Gordon. Misses Edith Gilman and Eva Swann presided at the piano.

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A BIG HAUL

MADE BY INSPECTOR WOLF OF THE BOSTON POLICE FORCE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Inspector Wolf yesterday arrested a man and two women on the charge of picking pockets and snatching bags in the large stores during the holiday rush.

When booked, the man gave the name of Morris Kanten, 24; the young woman that of Malka Kanten, his wife, 18, and the aged woman who said she was the mother of the younger one said her name was Hudas Goldstein. All are Russian Jews, and none of them are able to speak English. Inspector Wolf acted as interpreter. They lived at 5 Parkman street in the West end.

When searched at headquarters two pocketbooks were found on the young man, and two on the young woman, while the mother had concealed in her dress a bag containing $81.

In the pocket books found on the man were $3.40 in money and a lot of receipts and papers for which the police desire owners. There was an Adams express receipts for a bundle marked "Mrs. W. Mason, 632 St. Marks avenue, Brooklyn;" a receipt given to Emeline M. Childs for $2.00 for a promissory note; a receipt to A. F. Preston from a department store for a bowl, 35 cents, and another 60 cents.

In another pocketbook there was a slip of paper on which was written, "No. 16,-073, book B, of 3, page 60," one marked "L. Y. Martin, 159 East 2nd street, N. Y., residence 10 Linden street, Dorchester," and a lottery ticket bearing the number 21,657 to be drawn Dec. 16.

In one of the pocketbooks found on the younger woman was $6.65, and in the other $2. Beside the pocketbooks there were found a gold charm, a dozen gold and silver foreign coins and a gold locket with a diamond setting, upon which was engraved the name, "Mrs. Frank R. Osborn, Jacksonville, Fla." The value of this jewel is placed by the police at about $50. On the husband also the police say were found two gold watches, diamonds, and jewelry valued at several hundred dollars.

TO SPIRIT LAND

Maurice E. Strauss a Well Known Actor

JUMPS FROM FALL RIVER BOAT

Asks to Have Spirits Photographed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—If his own statement is to be believed and it is supplemented by direct circumstantial evidence, Maurice E. Strauss, known to theatregoers in the days of the old Boston Museum Stock company, and also to the theatre-going public of New York and Washington, as Maurice Strafford, committed suicide Wednesday night by jumping from the Fall River boat while on his way to New York.

He left his lodgings, 6 Berwick Park, between 3 and 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after telling his landlady that he was going to New York that night. Yesterday morning a letter was received by an acquaintance in this city, written by Strauss before he left Boston, in which he stated that he was going to jump from the Fall River boat, Wednesday night and this appears to have been the tenor of a letter written to his brother, J. H. Strauss, of 1696 Broadway, New York, for yesterday the latter telegraphed to this city to ask if his brother was dead.

The letter to the Boston acquaintance was as follows:

Boston, Dec. 13, 1899.
6 Berwick Park

My Dear Mr.———:

Thank you for your kind note. I am sorry that you could not come. These lines are to say good-bye to you. When you have received them I shall have passed away to the other world. I endeavored to prove to the world that Spiritualism really exists: that those who have passed away return to those dear to them here. These messages were from your old friend, Charles W. Thomas.

It is my request, one of the last on earth, that you visit Mrs. C. R. Bliss, 67 Pembroke street. Take Mr. Leach with you. Al. Leach, Charley says his name is. Take Jack Mason later. Prove to the theatrical profession that God permits us to return, for I will come back to earth before my body has been taken from the water.

I shall jump into my last resting place here from the Fall River boat tonight. It is without fear that I enter the other world. I have fought for a principle in my Saviour, Jesus Christ's name. I would labor faithfully further, but the obstacles have been too great and my strength fails me.

Write an article. Fear no publicity. Do it for our sake. Yes, all of those whom you knew in the Bohemian circle of Boston. Do so for Charley Thomas' sake, who has been near me often and who knows what I have endured, what my trials have been. Go to my apartments. Have my cabinet photographed. It was arranged for dear little ones who came back to earth through me. Good-bye. God bless you. Do it for me. Do it in Christ's name. Good-bye. God bless you.

Sincerely,
MAURICE E. STRAUSS. (Strafford.)

Have some spirits photographed at Mrs. Bliss'. God bless you."

This was written after the receipt of a reply from the friend declining an invitation to attend a Spiritualistic seance.

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Change of time on Middlesex street North Chelmsford and Tyngsboro line:

Leave Merrimack square for Tyngsboro 6.00, 6.55, 7.27 a. m. and every 40 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.18 and every 30 minutes until 10.48 p. m.

Tyngsboro to Merrimack square: 5.40, 6.20, 6.57 and every 40 minutes until 11.33 a. m.; 12.03 and every 30 minutes until 10.33 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

Merrimack Square to Tyngsboro: 8.07, 8.47 a. m. and every 40 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.18 a. m. and every 30 minutes until 10.18 p. m.

Tyngsboro to Merrimack square: 8.57 a. m. and every 40 minutes until 10.57 a. m.; 11.33 a. m. and every 30 minutes until 10.03 p. m.

Merrimack Square to North Chelmsford: 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.07 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.48 p. m. Saturdays, 11.03 p. m.

North Chelmsford to Merrimack square: 5.55, 6.37, a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.17 a. m.; 11.33 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.33 p. m. 10.48 p. m. Saturdays.

SUNDAYS.

Merrimack Square to North Chelmsford: 8.07 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.18 p. m.

North Chelmsford to Merrimack square: 8.37 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.17 a. m.; 11.33 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.03 p. m., 10.18 p. m., 10.33 p. m.

Merrimack square to Wood street: 6.00, 6.20, 6.30, 6.55, 7.07 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.18 p. m., 11.18 p. m.

Wood street to Merrimack square: 5.57, 6.02, 6.27, 7.05 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.10 a. m.; 11.25 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.10 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

Merrimack Square to Wood street: 8.07 and every 20 minutes until 10.49 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.03, 10.18, 10.33 p. m.

Wood street to Merrimack square: 7.45 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 10.40 a. m.; 11.55 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.40 p. m.

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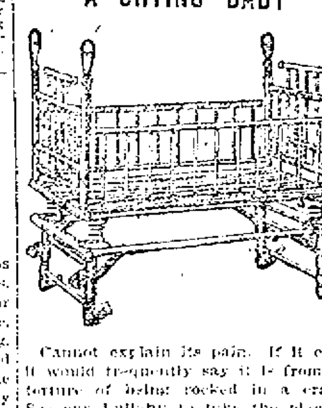

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ENGLAND'S HUMILIATION AND HOPE.

The reverses which England has suffered in the Boer war have brought upon her perhaps the greatest humiliation that she has experienced during the present century. After a recital of terrible disasters sustained by the British army in South Africa during the past few weeks, the people of England look anxiously to General Buller and his army corps for victory which will in some measure retrieve the honor the British army has lost in the conflict with the Boers. The report that General Buller had entered Ladysmith and captured from three to ten thousand Boers yesterday, brought much needed belief to England, although the news came without any confirmation from an authentic source. Still it was believed and caused a great restoration of confidence in the ability of the army in South Africa to conquer the Boers.

If the report is true it will be a great encouragement to the British army, but it will be by no means the end of the war. The Boers with their characteristic prowess and valor urged on by their unflinching love of liberty will fight until the last hope of further victory is gone.

Oom Paul before the war commenced warned England that she might eventually conquer the Boer republic, but she could not do so except at an appalling cost. Already his warning has taken on the force of prophecy, because thus far the cost to England has been appalling both in men and money as well as in the humiliation of the proud nation at home; and yet the war is far from being ended, and there is more humiliation in store for England before she adds the Transvaal to her dominions.

THE BRAKEMAN'S DANGER.

The shocking death of a brakeman near the School street crossing is a reminder of the many fatalities in that vicinity. There is outside of Boston, as there is at the approach of every large railroad terminus what is known as a "Know Nothing Crossing." It is where the trains entering and leaving the city cross from one track to another before getting upon the track which brings them to their destination outward or inward. It is the most dangerous place for trains and for people who are walking on the tracks, although the trains slack up as if to look ahead before dashing forward. The School street crossing is not of this special kind, but in regard to the number of accidents which occur there it is even worse. It is the most dangerous part of the railroad around Lowell.

The brakeman has at best the most dangerous occupation. He requires to have clearness of head and firmness of foot in order to perform his duty without accident, and when he makes a misstep his fate is something like that of James Ivory, who fell from a car near School street on Wednesday evening. Some years ago congress made provision for a different system of braking freight cars, but the railroad secured an extension of time for putting the act into effect. In the meantime brakemen must put up with the danger of running on the tops of trains and taking all risks of accidents. The death rate in this particular calling is perhaps the greatest of any occupation in the United States.

SOLICITOUS FOR BRYAN.

The Boston Herald is greatly troubled about Mr. Bryan and what he intends to do. At one time it says that the democratic leader is following a forlorn hope, at another that he is the inspiration of the democracy and still at another time, that he is the connecting link which holds the silver issue to the democratic platform; but now it declares that he has abandoned the silver issue altogether, and that in so doing he should retire as a presidential candidate. Mr. Bryan has not abandoned the silver issue, and he will not abandon it. He is not a leader of the weathervane kind, nor yet does he change like the mugwump press and when he is depicted in so many various lights and represented as being a lightning change artist the changes occur only in the imagination of the writers.

Mr. Bryan remains the same today as he was when at the Chicago convention he declared his belief in the necessity of free coinage of silver and gold as a relief for the financial stringency and other evils which the people suffer on account of the gold standard.

Boston Herald:

The vote cast for members of the school board in Tuesday's election is a very fertile field for political study. Mr. Coolidge, who headed the poll, was a democratic nominee, indorsed by the independent women voters and the public school association. His strength is well shown by the fact that he received a larger number of votes than did Mrs. Fifield, who had the same indorsement, with the added aid of the republicans. It is not surprising to find Mrs. Fifield and Dr. McDonald in second and third positions, for they were on both the republican and democratic tickets, and the close to 5000 votes by which Mrs. Fifield leads Dr. McDonald may be taken as a sign of the aid given her by the women voters and public school association. The fourth candidate in the list is Mr. Abraham, running up to within about 190 votes of the third candidate, on only a democratic nomination. Messrs. Baldwin and Bulger also landed in the winning eight, with democratic credentials. Of the elected candidates, four, Messrs. Coolidge, Abraham, Baldwin and Bulger, are democratic; two, Messrs. Allen and Cheline, are republicans, and two, Mrs. Fifield and Dr. McDonald, had the backing of both parties. Just half of the winners were on the lists of the independent women voters and the public school association.

Mayor-elect Hart of Boston has made a great many promises to the people of what he will do during his incumbency. The harbor front is to receive attention and the streets are to be put in better condition. This is but a small portion of the program that he has mapped out for himself, and we rather surmise that he promised more than he can accomplish, even if he has the best of republican support. He posed as a friend of home rule for Boston and it remains to be seen what influence he can exert upon the legislature in restoring to Boston the right to manage her own local affairs.

Congress has decided to investigate the appointment of polygamous postmasters in Utah, but it is doubtful if any of them will be removed, even though there be the strongest evidence against them. There is a chronic state of ill-feeling between the Mormons and the latter will furnish all the evidence needed against the postmasters as they are now against Mr. Roberts taking his seat in congress.

The textile industries have increased wages, and this has aroused the other crafts, so that we may expect a general agitation among the latter for higher wages. The machine shops, the hosieries, the shoe shops and even the mercantile establishments will have to advance wages, while prices on commodities in general bound upward. There is no reason why wages should not also be increased.

By a popular vote in the last election the people of Boston have decided not to re-lay the tracks on Tremont street. This has settled the agitation which the merchants of that street have kept up ever since the subway was opened. Their business will suffer undoubtedly but we can see no immediate remedy.

Hereafter the democrats will realize what it means to temporize with cuckoos. Alderman Libby, by running independently, defeated the whole democratic aldermanic ticket with one exception. It is a bad policy to discriminate among political cuckoos.

CRISP GOSSIP

The Sun has received so many evidences of confused minds regarding the beginning of the 20th century that it will present a proof that the 20th century begins after the year 1900 is ended, in the shape of a little conversation:

Question—What is a year?
Answer—Three hundred and sixty-five days.
What is a century?
One hundred years.
When did the year No. 1 end?
December 31 of the year 1.
When did the year No. 2 begin?
January 1 of the year 2.
When did the year 99 end?
December 31, A. D. 99.
Did that complete a century?
No.
When was the century completed?
At the close of the year following 99; or at the close of the year 100.
When did the second century begin?
January 1 of the year 1 of the second century, that is January 1, A. D. 101.
When did the 19th century end?
At the close of the nineteenth hundred year, or at the close of 1900.
When does the 20th century begin?
It begins on day No. 1 of year No. 1 of the twentieth hundred year that is, on January 1, A. D. 1901.
We must still see two Christmases before the 20th century dawns.

SUDDEN DEATH

OF GEORGE HUMMISTON IN EVERETT.

Mr. Samuel G. Hummiston of Westford received the sad news yesterday of the sudden death of his son, George, at his boarding house in Everett.

He was found dead in bed yesterday morning. Young Hummiston was about 25 years of age and in the employ of S. C. Sawtey & Co., produce dealers, Boston, with whom he had been about a year. It is supposed that the cause of death was heart failure. Wednesday he was apparently in good health with no premonitions of the sudden close of his earthly career. Deceased was a young man of exemplary character, correct habits, and with a bright mind and genial disposition and the warm friendship of many acquaintances. His early and sudden decease is a grievous blow to the family circle.

Mr. Philip Favreau, delegate for the A. F. of L., has returned from Detroit, Mich., and is seriously ill at his home in Fourth avenue.

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COMMITTEE SELECTIONS

MADE BY REPUBLICANS OF THE SENATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The republicans in the senate today adopted the changes made by the committee on committees. The more important changes in the republican membership of the committees follow:

Finance—Hansbrough, Spooner.
Appropriations—Warren, Wetmore, Carter.
Foreign Relations—Wolcott.
Judiciary—Fairbanks, Simon.
Commerce—Hanna, Mason, Depew.
Agriculture—Foster.
Coast and Insular Survey (new)—Foster, chairman; Hawley, McMillan, Perkins, Wellington.
Contingent Expenses—Keane, Scott.
Census—Quarles, McComber.
Civil Service—Baker, Chairman.
Claims—Warren, chairman; McComas, Depew, McComber, Keane.
District of Columbia—Stewart, Wellington.
Education and Labor—McComas.
Civil Service—Ross, chairman; Deboe.
Fisheries—Foster.
Forest Observations—Beveridge, chairman; Carter, McBride, Depew.
Geological Surveys—Keane.
Immigration—Penrose, chairman; Sewall in place of Nelson.
Indian Affairs—Thurston, chairman; Nelson, Baker, Quarles, McComber, Kyle.
Indian Depredations—Deboe, chairman; McBride, Ross, Beveridge.
Interoceanic Canal—McBride, Hanna.
Interstate commerce—Keane.
Irrigation—Simon, chairman; Stewart, Quarles.
Manufactures—Scott, Foster.
Military Affairs—Burrows.
Mines—Clark (Wyo.), Scott.
Naval Affairs—Penrose.
Executive Departments—McComas, chairman; Beveridge.
Pacific Island and Porto Rico, (New)—Foraker, chairman; Gallinger, Perkins, Fairbanks, Nelson, McComas, Depew.
Patents—Pritchard, chairman; McComas.
Pensions—Deboe, Quarles, McCumber.
Philippines, (New)—Lodge, chairman; Allison, Hale, Davis, Proctor, McBride, Beveridge.
Post Offices—Elkins.
Printing—Platt (N. Y.), chairman; Elkins.
Private Land Claims—Beveridge.
Privileges and Elections—McComas.
Public Buildings and Grounds—Fairbanks, chairman; Scott, Quarles.
Public Health—Spooner, Deboe, Depew.
Public Lands—Clark, (Wyo.); Kean.
Railroads—Hawley, Wetmore, Scott.
Relations with Canada—Fairbanks, Cullom.
Relations with Cuba, (New)—Platt, (Conn.), chairman; Aldrich, Cullom, Davis, McMillan, Chandler, Spooner.
Revolutionary Claims—Foster.
Rules—Elkins.
Territories—Beveridge.
Transportation Routes—Quarles, chairman; Simon.
Potomac River Front—Hoar, Wetmore, Foster.
Five Civilized Tribes—Baker.
Transportation of Meat Products—McCumber, McComas.
Industrial Expositions—Depew, chairman; Proctor, Hansbrough, Lodge.
National Banks—Keane, chairman.
Trespassers on Indian Lands—McCumber, chairman.
Woman Suffrage—Foster.

It is observed that Kyle (Independent) and Stewart (Silver) are considered in the majority list of committees.

HIBBARD CONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of George A. Hibbard to be postmaster at Boston.

LAWRENCE HOSIERY

TO GRANT AN INCREASE OF WAGES.

The Lawrence hosiery is the last mill heard from as giving an advance to their employes. This advance is to go into effect at the same time as that of the other mills, but as yet it has not been decided what the advance will be. The employes of the hosiery are jubilant over the good news, and expect that it will reach a 10 per cent. increase.

TROLLEY AND WHIST PARTY.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Paradis, the well-known [illegible] paid them a friendly call at their country home in Billerica Centre last evening. The ride out was delightfully pleasant, and the party on arriving found everything in readiness for a game of progressive whist. There were six tables, and judging from some of the scores there were a number of expert whist players in the party. The prizes were awarded as follows: First prize, silver paper knife with pearl handle, Mr. Joseph Mercier; pair of silver napkin rings, Mrs. Albert Ware. The second prize, a bunch of cigars, was won by Dr. O'Donnell of Billerica Centre, and the second lady's prize, a Wedgewood vase, was won by Miss Pigeon. The consolation prize, "The Yellow Kid," came to Mrs. John J. Gaynor. Refreshments were served, and after a short time spent in social chat the party left for home on the 11.45 car after having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Mr. George Coulam of Salt Lake city, Utah, is visiting with relatives at 271 Shaw street. He was also a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Coulam of 43 Bowditch street.

S. A. R. BANQUET

Old Middlesex Chapter, S. A. R. Held a Meeting

SOME VERY INTERESTING PAPERS READ

Paper on Washington Road by Solon W. Stevens

A special meeting of Old Middlesex Chapter, S. A. R., was held last night at the St. Charles Hotel and the attendance of the members was very large. Shortly before 7 o'clock supper was served and at the conclusion of the feast a little business was disposed of.

A message of sympathy was directed and sent to Geo H. Stevens, Esq., the historian of the chapter, at present confined to his home by sickness and the hope was expressed that he may be speedily restored to his usual health.

Samuel Burbank was admitted to membership. It was voted that at the next meeting of the chapter the ladies be invited to attend and as instructed by the vote, the president appointed as a committee to make necessary arrangements, Messrs. J. G. Buttrick, W. W. Johnson and J. Neale in furtherance of a plan recently begun of exchanging speakers and papers with other chapters. President Parker was recently the guest of the old Suffolk Chapter, S. A. R., of Chelsea and read a paper which has been read at the old Middlesex Chapter.

As a return of the courtesy the guest of the evening was Prescott Chamberlin, Esq., president of Old Suffolk chapter, who read a paper on Pemaquid. This was a most valuable historical account of that place (now Bristol) one of the earliest and most interesting settlements on the Maine coast. The paper, though of some length, was listened to with a close attention that was fully rewarded and was worthy of a more extended notice than is available in a report like this.

Following was a brief paper by Jas. F. Savage, Esq., on the Evacuation of Charleston, S. C., Dec. 14, 1782 by the British, of which the meeting was in commemoration, in which was portrayed most intelligently and graphically the trials of the citizens both in and out of the Continental army and the joy and eagerness when the soldiers were allowed to come back on the departure of the British army.

Just a century ago, the father of his country, George Washington, breathed his last, and Solon W. Stevens delivered a scholarly and eloquent address upon the life and character of Washington.

Reference was made to the many estimates of his character that have been made by different writers showing how those who have tried to write him down have failed. During his life he was the object of the bitterest vituperation from enemies and yet his character seems to grow in the esteem of the people.

After a most hearty vote of thanks to the speakers the meeting was closed with the customary singing of "America."

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The thirteenth anniversary of Passaconaway tribe, I. O. R. M., was celebrated last evening at Post 185 hall, with a supper and entertainment. The celebration was held in connection with the 100th anniversary of the death of George Washington, the grand council of Red Men having united yesterday with the Masons in the ceremonies at the grave of Washington at Mount Vernon, Va.

Supper was served from 6 to 7.30, after which came an entertainment consisting of an address by Deputy Great Sachem J. H. Orr of Reading, Mass., and selections by the Edison concert phonograph under the charge of Mr. Warnell. The supper committee was Milo Clifford, chairman; Arthur W. Garland, secretary and treasurer; L. T. Morse, C. T. Moran, R. P. Swanson, J. H. Bread, P. J. Brennan, J. H. Hickey, Charles F. Nichols, Frank Nichols. The ladies who had charge of the supper were: Mrs. Milo Clifford, Mrs. Jennie M. Bailey, Mrs. J. R. Towle, Mrs. C. T. Flanders, Mrs. John Coram, Miss Moody and Mrs. Frank Taylor. Mr. Nudd of Providence, R. I., was present as a guest of Passaconaway tribe.

A supper and general good time were held last night by Centralville lodge, D. of R., I. O. O. F., the occasion being their fifth anniversary. The following named officers from Boston were present: Grand Master F. W. Fish, Grand Mar. 2nd Austin E. Estey, Grand Instructor Webber, Grand Warden Johnson and Grand Secretary F. C. Perkins. District Deputy Mrs. Joseph Wright and suite of this city were present also.

Supper was served at 6.30, Atwood's orchestra furnishing the music.

The elective officers of Highland union and Evening Star lodges of Lowell and Winning lodge of Billerica were the ens.

The Rebecca degree was worked on four candidates.

The regular meeting of Veritas lodge, I. O. F. M. U., was held last night and nomination of officers took place. They will be elected at the next regular meeting. After the meeting a general social time took place. There was a piano solo by Miss Frances Whitworth, a duet by Mrs. Mowatt and Mrs. Noble and solos by Mrs. Nellie Grant and Mrs. Nellie Fielding.

At the regular meeting of Washington commandery, Order of the Golden Cross, last night only routine business was transacted.

Veritas lodge, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting last evening and transacted routine business only.

At the regular meeting of Lowell lodge, K. of P., last evening, two applications were received and four candidates were initiated. The committee on the fair met and completed arrangements.

Five candidates were initiated and four propositions were accepted last night at the regular meeting of Court General Shields, Foresters of America. Arrangements were made to celebrate the sixteenth anniversary with an entertainment and smoke talk in February.

Last night at the regular meeting of Victoria lodge, I. O. F. M. U., officers were nominated. After the business meeting there were piano selections given by Mrs. Whitworth and Emma Lord.

The ball committee of the Iron Moulders union met last night in [illegible] State hall and completed arrangements for their ball to be held next week.

The second degree was worked on one [illegible]

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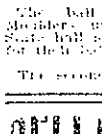

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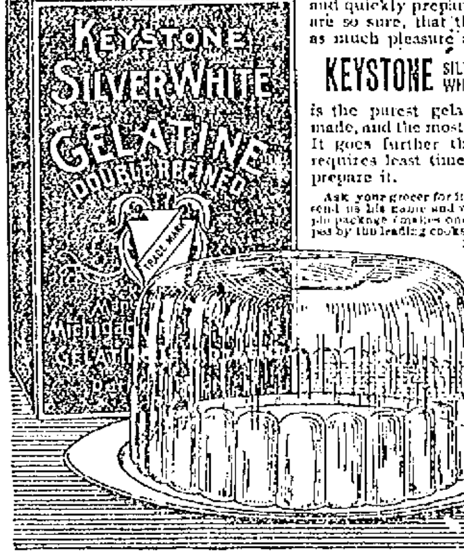

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LADIES OF CHARITY

OF ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL HELD A MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Ladies of Charity of St. John's hospital was held last night. There was a good attendance but no special business was transacted. The ladies present during the evening did a little sewing and other things, which in any way would benefit the hospital. The members were much grieved over the departure of Sister Felicite from the hospital, where she was a favorite. She is now situated at Buffalo, N. Y., having charge of the hospital of the Sisters of Charity at that place. After the meeting the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given in the chapel.

THE ANNUAL SALE

Of the Young Women's Hospital Guild

The annual sale, which is conducted at Carleton's and Hovey's by the Young Women's hospital guild for the benefit of the Lowell general hospital, is meeting with an abundance of success.

Mrs. Thomas G. McGannon and Mrs. Frank Howe are in charge and they are ably assisted by several young women of the guild dressed in most becoming costumes.

No one can pass the store without being attracted to the beautifully adorned window. Not only is the window space on one side occupied but a long counter is weighed down with the good things usually found on the up-to-date fancy tables. Even without the decorations the articles themselves would present a most inviting appearance but the lavender trimmings enhance the beauty of the scene.

It would be impossible to mention the various articles on sale, but to say that the display is a complete one is definite enough for all prospective purchasers. One of the features of the sale is the presence of a number of dolls dressed in the costumes of various callings. First there is the doll dressed as a nurse, next comes one in the garb of a full-fledged golf player and so on. In addition to the fancy articles there are some beautiful four-in-hand neckties that any man might be proud to own.

A beautiful pillow and a dainty table cloth are the principals in a merry guessing contest now in progress and they will prove valuable properties to the two who are endowed with good luck. The little ones will find several things that they might expect to find on Christmas trees and parents could there choose many a small thing to be put into the hung-up stocking.

On Saturday morning next will begin the sale of cake, mince pies and plum pudding and unless all indications fail a thriving business will be done.

Orders for Christmas greens left with the young women in charge of the sale will receive prompt attention.

CHELMSFORD

Charles J. Soderberg and family removed this week to Lowell for the winter.

Sunday services: Central Congregational: Preaching by the pastor at 10.45; Bible school at 12; C. E. services at 6.15; at 7 lecture in the auditorium, "Foot-prints of the Man of Galilee," illustrated with stereopticon views. Unitarian—Rev. E. H. Buckshorn of Westford will preach in the morning; Y. P. G. meeting at 6.30, led by Miss Pearl Dyer. Subject, "The Beauty of Wholeness."

All Saints': Holy communion, 10 a. m.; service and sermon, 10.45; Sunday school at noon.

The net receipts of the Central Congregational fair amounted to the gratifying sum of $475.

The Men's club of the Central Congregational church had a good attendance.

AN ENTERTAINMENT

GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF BARTLETT LITERARY UNION.

The first of the entertainment course of the season of 1899-1900 by the members of the Bartlett Literary club, composed entirely of ladies, was given last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Carroll on Mt. Vernon street. About 50 guests were present and the tickets were placed at the generosity of the purchaser. The proceeds will be devoted to some worthy charity.

The program presented by the young women was one of merit and greatly enjoyed by those present. The program follows: Address of welcome, Miss Jessie Carroll; reading, "Longfellow," Miss Louise Parker; piano solo, Miss Mary Covey; chorus, "Search for the Fairy Queen," members of the Bartlett club (Miss Helen Hogan making a very pretty queen of the Fairies); piano solo, Miss Etta Hogan; reading, "A letter to God," Miss Katherine O'Donnell; piano duet, "Whippoorwill Echoes," Misses Louise Parker and Bessie Carroll; reading, "The Calico Cat," Miss Helen Hogan.

Some excellent tableaux were next given. The first was the old year and the new year, represented by Miss Helen Hogan as the old and Miss Louise Parker as the new year.

Easter was impersonated by Miss Etta Hogan; Fourth of July by Miss Mary Covey; Thanksgiving by Miss Katherine O'Donnell and Christmas was given by two characters, Miss Bessie Carroll and Miss Helen Hogan.

A very cleverly written dialogue in two scenes, entitled, "Five Girl Graduates of Miss Propriety's seminary," concluded the evening's program, in which the young women showed themselves adepts in histrionic roles.

RECOUNT ASKED

IN THE BOSTON MAYORALTY VOTE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—At a conference of the democrat leaders yesterday, it was voted to petition for a recount for mayor of last Tuesday. As Mr. Hart's plurality now stands at only 2084, a change of 1100 votes would make a difference in the result.

THE BOYS' CLUB.

The project to organize a Boys' club that was started last spring has made such satisfactory progress that upwards of $500 has already been subscribed and the amount is being added to daily.

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PROBATE COURT.

Middlesex, ss.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE [illegible] late of Lowell in said county, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court for probate, by JOSEPH H. McGRATH, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate court to be held in Lowell in said county of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of December, A. D. 1899, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least before said court and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said court.

Witness, CHARLES J. McINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said court, this 27th day of December, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

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Masons and Red Men Honor Washington's Memory

Pres. McKinley and Members of Cabinet Were in Attendance—Grand Procession to the Tomb of Washington

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Mt. Vernon was the scene today of the most impressive ceremony in its rich and picturesque history. Masons of high degree from all over the United States and Canada met at the tomb of Washington in services commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of the greatest American. President McKinley delivered an eloquent tribute to the memory of the first president, and senators and representatives in congress, high officials of the government and distinguished private citizens were participants and spectators of the solemn service.

Later in the day when the Masonic ceremonies had been concluded, the Independent Order of Red Men succeeded them in honoring the memory of Washington with the rites of their order.

The Masons went from this city to Mount Vernon by steamer. President McKinley left the white house shortly before 10 o'clock and was taken to Mt. Vernon by a special train on an electric line. He was accompanied by all the members of the cabinet now in the city and by General Miles and Adjutant General Corbin. At the Mount Vernon procession was formed at the mansion where President McKinley and other distinguished guests joined it and moved to the old vault where first reposed the remains of Washington. This procession was formed and moved in the exact order and over the same path which was followed at Washington's funeral. Halting at the vault the Third Cavalry band played a funeral dirge and the Right Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph, bishop of the Southern Episcopal diocese of Virginia, offered an invocation. This was followed by an address by the grand master of Masons in Colorado, and the procession then moved on to the tomb where the remains of Washington now lie. Here occurred the impressive services of the Masonic ritual. The grand masters of the thirteen original states formed in line facing the representatives of the other jurisdictions and the grand lodge and other brethren standing in a circle around the tomb with joined hands. Then the grand master of Virginia called upon each of the jurisdictions in turn for the messages and tributes sent by them.

The grand masters then deposited their wreaths and the craft slowly marched past, laying on the tomb their tributes. Upon reaching the mansion the lines were drawn up and President McKinley delivered an address. He was introduced by the grand master of Virginia and delivered an eloquent oration. He said:

We have just participated in a service commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington. Here in his old home which he loved so well and which the patriotic women of the country have guarded with loving hands, exercises are conducted under the auspices of the great fraternity of Masons, which a century ago, planned and executed the solemn ceremonial which attended the Father of his Country to the tomb. The lodge in which he was initiated and the one over which he afterwards presided as worshipful master, accorded positions of honor at his obsequies, are today represented here in token of profound respect to the memory of their most illustrious member and beloved brother. Masons throughout the United States testify anew their reverence for the name of Washington and the inspiring example of his life. Distinguished representatives are here from all the grand lodges of the country to render the ceremonies as dignified and impressive as possible and most cordial greetings have come from across our borders and from beyond the seas.

Not alone in this country, but throughout the world have Masons taken especial interest in the observation of this centennial anniversary. The fraternity justly claims the immortal patriot as one of its members; the whole human family acknowledges him as one of its greatest benefactors. Public bodies, patriotic bodies and other organizations, our citizens everywhere have esteemed it a privilege today to pay their tribute to his memory and to the splendor of his accomplishments in the advancement of justice and liberty among men. "His fair fame, secure in its immortality, shall shine thro' countless ages with undiminished lustre.

The struggling republic for which Washington was willing to give his life and for which he ever freely spent his fortune and which at all times was the object of his most earnest solicitude, has steadily and wonderfully developed along the lines which his sagacity and foresight carefully planned. It has stood every trial and at the dawn of a new century is stronger than ever to carry forward its mission of liberty. During all the intervening years it has been true to the precepts of the constitution which he and his illustrious colleagues framed for its guidance and government. He was national architect, says Bancroft, the historian, and but for him the nation could not have achieved its independence, could not have formed its union, could not have put the federal government into operation. He had neither precedent nor predecessor. His work was original and constructive and has successfully stood the severest tests. He selected the sight for the capital of the republic he founded and gave it the name of the Federal city but the commission substituted the name of Washington as the more fitting, and to be a perpetual recognition of the services of the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, the president of the convention which framed the constitution and the first president of the United States republic.

More than seventy millions acknowledged allegiance to the flag, which he made triumphant. The nation is his best eulogist and his noblest monument.

I have been deeply interested and touched by the sentiments of his contemporaries, uttered a hundred years ago on the occasion of his death. The Rev. Walter King of Norwich, Conn., in the course of an eloquent eulogy delivered in that city, January 5, 1800 said in part:

"By one mighty effort of manly resolution we were born anew, and declared our independence. Now commenced the bloody contest for everything we held dear. The same Almighty Being, by whose guidance we were hitherto conducted, beheld us with compassion and saw what we needed—a pilot, a leader in the enterprise we had undertaken. He called for Washington, already prepared, appointed him as his servant with real dignity and put into his hands the control of all our defensive operations."

"But here admiration suppresses utterance. Your own minds must fill out the active character of the man. A description of the war-like skill, the profound wisdom, the prudence, the heroism and integrity which he displayed in the character of the commander in chief would suffer materially in hands like mine. But I may say the eyes of all our American Israel were placed upon him as their saviour, under the direction of heaven and they were not disappointed."

Rev. Nathan Strong, pastor of the North Presbyterian church, at Hartford, Conn., spoke as follows on December 27, 1799:

"He was as much the angel of peace as of war, as much respected as deeply reverenced in the political cabinet for a luminous coolness of disposition, whereby party jealousy became enlightened and ashamed of itself, as he was for a coolness of command in the dreadful moment, when empires hung suspended on the fate of battle.

His opinions became the opinions of public bodies and every man was pleased with himself when he found he thought like Washington under the auspices of this great warrior, who was formed by the providence of God to defend his country; the war ended and America ranked among the nations. He might have been monarch, retired to his own Mt. Vernon, unclothed of all authority, to enjoy the blessing of being a free private citizen. This was a strange sight and gave a new triumph to human virtue a triumph that hath never been exceeded in the history of the world, except it was by his second recess, which was from the presidency of the United States.

And on the day preceding, December 26, 1799, in the course of his memorial funeral oration before both houses of congress, Major General Lee, then a representative from the state of Virginia gave utterance to the noble sentiment as forceful today as in those early years of our national life. "To the horrid din of battle sweet peace succeeded, and our virtuous chief, mindful only of the common good, in a moment tempting personal aggrandizement, hushed the discontent of growing sedition, and surrendering his power into the hands from which he had received it, converted his sword into a plowshare, teaching an admiring world that to be truly great, you must be truly good."

While strong with his own generation, he is stronger even in the judgment of the generations which have followed.

After a lapse of a century he is better appreciated, more perfectly understood, more thoroughly venerated and loved than when he lived. He remains an ever-increasing influence for good in every part and sphere of action of the republic. The nation needs at this moment the help of his wise example in dealing with our vast responsibilities, we turn to him. We invoke the counsel of his life and character and courage. We summon his precepts that we may keep his pledges to maintain justice and law, education and morality and civil and religious liberty in every part of our country, the new as well as the old.

The services concluded with a benediction by Brother Ed. N. Calisch, rabbi of Bethaba synagogue, Richmond, Va.

FRIENDS OF LICENSE

REFERRED TO AT MEETING OF M. T. A. SOCIETY DIRECTORS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The monthly meeting of the directors of the Massachusetts total abstinence society was held Wednesday at its headquarters, 36 Bromfield street. The report of Sec. Alfred Noon, says:

"In the elections of Tuesday, the trend of license is marked, although two-thirds of the gain is in this city. Lowell and Salem go back to the saloon, a result which has been feared for some months. There are net gains for no-license in Chelsea, Everett, Melrose, Woburn and Worcester. The smallest relative vote for license is probably in Melrose; the largest relative vote for no-license seems to be in Everett. There is a decided tendency for no-license people to move out of Boston into the suburbs.

"In the 32 cities which have voted, 16 show license gains and 11 show no-license gains; 6 show license losses and 18 show no-license losses. 23 show net gain for license.

Mr. Noon also stated in his report that the work of school visitation has necessarily come to a standstill and can hardly be expected to open largely for a year or two, as nearly every portion of the state readily accessible has been canvassed so recently. Applications are out and some may be granted in the immediate future. There is a call for a series of conventions of the various cities and towns of the state and a scheme has been prepared to cover the entire territory, except the city of Boston.

The report also says: "The attitude of this society toward the public school problem is one of unusual importance just now. By our action early in the year we were enabled to continue the friendship of many persons connected with the educational duties of the state. It is a question whether similar action should not be taken at the annual meeting of the society next month. The importance of the matter is so great that I would urge the appointment of a special committee of at least three who may consider the idea and report either to the directors at the January meeting or to the annual meeting.

It was voted that this committee be appointed. At the conclusion of business, Prof. J. M. Barker of Boston university spoke on the antisaloon league in Ohio and elsewhere. He was followed by Rev. T. M. Clark, at one time pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church in Columbus, O.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Speaker Henderson has made such progress with the house committees that he was able to state definitely for the first time today that the list would be announced before the holiday recess, probably on or about the day before the recess begins. Until then there will be nothing authoritative given out relative to the chairmanships or the personnel of the committees.

THE CARTER CASE

Five Alleged Conspirators Give Themselves up

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK Dec. 14—The long threatened criminal prosecution of the contractors associated with Captain Oberlin M. Carter, formerly of the United States engineer corps, but now a military prisoner on Grover's Island, has finally gotten under way and today five alleged conspirators surrendered themselves here to United States Commissioner Shields. The prisoners are D. B. Green, Col. John F. Gaynor, E. H. Gaynor and William T. Gaynor, Michael A. Connolly, late of Savannah, Ga., also indicted, is said to have left the country.

The surrendered men were members of the Atlantic dredging and contracting company, in which Captain Carter held stock and which has been described by United States Attorney General Griggs as "not a corporation, a firm of any other conventional business institution and the only reason for its existence was to filch money from the government."

The men were indicted last Friday by the United States grand jury at Savannah, Ga., for being concerned in a conspiracy by which the government was defrauded out of $575,749. The hearing was set for December 23, and the contractors were released on bail.

IN CONGRESS

FEW MEMBERS PRESENT AT TODAY'S SESSION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Owing to the Washington memorial services at Mount Vernon and elsewhere in the city today, the house was well nigh deserted when the debate on the currency bill was resumed at 11 o'clock. The galleries were empty and less than 50 members were on the floor. By unanimous consent, a bill was passed to extend the time of the examination of monthly accounts by bureaus and officers of the department.

Mr. Cox (Tenn.) who was the ranking minority member of the banking and currency committee in the last congress, opened the debate today in opposition to the bill.

Two joint resolutions were introduced by Representative Williams of Mississippi which are the result of consultation among a number of democratic leaders in the house and are understood to be expressive of their general position on the propositions.

The first resolution declares the intention and purpose to recognize the independence of the Filipinos and withdraw our land and sea forces provided the independent government agrees to pay the $20,000,000 paid by the United States to Spain, to give us a suitable naval and coaling stations and grant free access to their ports.

Another section pledges our friendly assistance and also pledges against foreign interference or aggression for ten years during which time the foreign affairs of the island are to be under American control.

The other resolution asks for information relative to the conclusion of a treaty with the Sultan of Sulu and provides for an inquiry by the judiciary committee as to whether the constitutional provisions against slavery and the statutory provisions against polygamy apply to the Sulu people.

AD SENATE

THE SENATE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—When the senate convened today, Mr. Aldrich asked for a temporary postponement of the usual Thursday motion for adjournment over Sunday, until it could be ascertained whether the democrats would be ready today to announce the committee assignments. He added that in case they were not so prepared he would ask the senate to sit tomorrow in order that the appointments to committees could be made. In obedience to this request, Mr. Hale, who had moved the adjournment, withdrew the motion.

Mr. Pettigrew's resolution asking for information as to whether the flag of the Philippine republic had ever been saluted by the American forces in the Philippines came up in the regular order.

Mr. Chandler moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Pettigrew asked a withdrawal of the motion but this was declined. There was however, no objection to an explanation by Mr. Pettigrew and he spoke briefly, saying that his only purpose was to ascertain whether certain newspaper statements concerning the recognition given Aguinaldo's forces by our fleet in Manila Bay in the summer of 1898 were true. He said the statement had been repeatedly made that vessels bearing the Philippine flag had passed in and out of the harbor at that time and that the flag had been saluted on different occasions by the American forces. He had never seen a contradiction of this report. He had also seen frequent statements to the effect that at one time our forces had turned over prisoners taken in a battle at Subig bay to the Filipinos.

Mr. Chandler replied that every word of the resolution and speeches made upon it would be cabled to Manila. For this reason he hoped that the resolution would be disposed of as promptly as possible.

Mr. Pettigrew called for the ayes and nays on the motion to lay on the table. The vote resulted 41 ayes to 20 nays.

After a brief executive session, the senate adopted the house resolution for Christmas adjournments on the 20th of December until the third of January 1900.

On motion of Mr. Foraker, the senate then at 1.01 adjourned for the day out of respect to the memory of Representative Danford of Ohio.

MAY DISSOLVE

A CRISIS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 14.—The announcement that as a result of two special elections to fill vacancies in the legislature of Prince Edward Island, the opposition members now outnumber those on the government side, caused considerable surprise this morning in political circles here. It is further stated that the government at Charlottetown, the capital of the province, will resign immediately. As there is some doubt that the opposition with its slender majority will be able to organize and carry on the administration of affairs successfully, it is believed, the legislature will be dissolved and an appeal to the people taken.

WM. CUSHING DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WEYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 14.—William Cushing, who was at one time well known in national democratic circles, died during the night at his home here aged 60 years. Mr. Cushing was formerly a prominent campaign orator and during Mr. Cleveland's last campaign he made speeches in New York, Ohio and other states. He was formerly selectman here and was a Mason. He was unmarried.

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THE ANNUAL MEET

Of the Grand Council Royal and Secret Officers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The grand council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was opened in annual assembly yesterday forenoon in lodge hall, Masonic building.

A roll call of the councils showed that out of 27 councils in the state, 24 were represented.

M. I. John F. Adams, grand master of the grand council, R. and S. masters of Rhode Island and grand representative of the grand council of Massachusetts, near the grand council of Rhode Island, after receiving a cordial welcome from Grand Master Lyman became an interested observer of the proceedings. Later he addressed the grand council in cordial and fraternal speech.

Grand Recorder Waite, in his annual paper reported the present membership to be 680, a net gain of 150 for the year. His report, together with that of the others presented, were adopted.

The annual address of Grand Master Lyman was an interesting paper.

The report was referred to a committee, of which M. I. J. Black was the chairman, who subsequently reported and their recommendations were adopted.

A finely written memorial, a tribute to the memory of the late M. I. Seranus Bowen, a past grand master of the grand council, was read by M. I. Albert L. Richardson, chairman of the committee named by the grand master, and adopted by a rising vote.

The grand officers for the ensuing year each unanimously elected, are: R. r M. I., grand master, Rnalls Sanford, Brockton; deputy grand master, Mlik G. Kenny, Somerville; grand principal conductor of the work, George R. Miller, Springfield; grand treasurer, Charles W. Romney, Boston; grand recorder, J. Gilman Waite, Medford; trustee of the permanent fund, Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell.

The grand master appointed as grand chaplain, Rev. Charles A. Skinner, North Cambridge; grand lecturer, John B. Gardner, Roxbury; grand master of ceremonies, George A. Brackett, Roxbury; grand captain of the guard, Edwin S. Crandon, Chelsea; grand conductor, Ivory H. Staples, East Boston, grand steward, Henry H. Arnold, Hyde Park; grand sentinel, John T. Kimball, Dorchester.

He also appointed for committee on foreign correspondence J. Gilman Waite, Medford; committee on finance, Henry S. Hunton, Hyde Park; Eugene A. Holton, Boston; Albert F. Newhouse, East Boston; committee on by laws, Albert L. Richardson, Boston; Forest E. Baker, Worcester; Charles Harris, Boston.

The officers were installed by M. I. J. Albert Blake, who had presided during the election. He was assisted by M. I. Albert L. Richardson, acting as grand master of ceremonies.

Much other business of importance was transacted, including the issuance of a charter to Lebanon council of Lynn.

The grand council closed in ample form at 1 p. m., Rev. Charles A. Skinner offering the prayer.

ON INDICTMENTS

JAMES AND ALLAN MACNAUGHTON CHARGED WITH VIOLATING BANKING LAWS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Judge Thomas in the criminal branch of the U. S. circuit court yesterday granted an order which nol prossed the indictments alleging conspiracy and violation of the national banking laws against Pres. James MacNaughton, of the Tradesmen's National bank and his brother, Allan MacNaughton, of the Wool Exchange, which have been awaiting trial for a year, and on which the accused were held in $35,000 bail each.

This action was taken at the suggestion of Assistant U. S. District Attorney Baldwin, who stated to Judge Thomas that all the officers and directors of the bank, who were complaining witnesses in the proceedings and on whose testimony the indictments had been found, had petitioned U. S. District Attorney Burnett to have the indictment nolled, as they were now satisfied that there was no intent on the part of the defendants to defraud the bank.

The petition stated that the check was made good on the same day it was drawn and that the bank had suffered no loss over the certification of the check. They were also satisfied Mr. Baldwin said, that the defendants gained nothing by the transaction. On these facts the assistant district attorney said that he would on trial be unable to secure a conviction and he asked that the indictments be nol prossed.

Judge Thomas, concurring in this motion, issued the order, which, so far as the federal authorities are concerned, ends the prosecution of the MacNaughton brothers.

The indictments thus quietly dismissed accused Pres. MacNaughton of having on February 10, 1897, certified Allan MacNaughton's check for $510,000 on the Tradesmen's National bank, when the latter had no such sum of money on deposit in the institution. The transaction, which, it was claimed, was simply one on paper, came to light at the time of the failure of the Tradesmen's National bank and the wool exchange. It created a sensation in the financial quarter, and it was said that the government would exert all its energies to send the alleged conspirators to prison.

QUAY MANAGERS

BELIEVE HE HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF WINNING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—As the Quay managers admit privately that the only chance for Quay's admission lies in his getting sufficient assistance on the democratic side of the senate to give him the majority that he lacks, it is significant that Chairman Guffey, after talking with a number of democratic senators today, announced that there was no reason to believe that any democratic senator would vote to admit Mr. Quay on Gov. Stone's certificate.

"I expect," said Mr. Guffey, "to see the democratic senators stand firmly and uniformly against the admission of Mr. Quay. The protest of the democratic party of Pennsylvania emphasizing the strong case against Mr. Quay's admission has had its due effect and will doubtless be respected by every democrat in the senate."

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MOTHER'S APPEAL

In Behalf of Patrick Foley, a Life Convict

WAS SENTENCED FOR FOSTER MURDER

Pres. McKinley Interested in Her Behalf

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 14—An appeal to President McKinley for the pardon of Patrick J. Foley, now serving a life sentence in the state prison for complicity in the murder of Duroy S. Foster of Woburn, has been made by his aged mother and father, who live in County Kerry, Ireland.

The appeal was forwarded to Governor Wolcott a few days ago with a request that an inquiry into the facts of the case be made. Governor Wolcott referred the matter to the prison commissioners, and an agent of that commission is now engaged on the case. He will interview witnesses after which a report embodying all the facts in the case will be made.

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AFTER QUA'S JOB

Geo. W. Poore Wants City Solicitorship

BURDEN-BEARER WANTS A PLUM

Capt. Mitten After Gillow's Scalp

COMRADES IN ARMS AT WAR

Republican Office Seekors Multiply Daily

George W. Poore, Esq., the official burden-bearer of the local republican party, encouraged beyond bounds by the fact that both branches of the city government will be republican, has decided that it is about time for him to get something besides one of long Geo. Holt's Delmonicoan feeds yearly for his services in behalf of the entire party, and has entered the list against Squire Qua for city solicitor. For several years past, Poore has been hustling like a Trojan for the party and getting in return only honor without pay, taffy and a $1.00 dinner which included rent of hall, gaslight, wet goods, printing, etc. On the other hand others, not Qua alone, have been "out of politics" for several years past, but in office at $1,000, $2,000, and even $3,000 a year. Poore has stood it long enough. He thinks he's entitled to something more substantial than eloquence and he is a candidate for city solicitor. Last year Mr. Qua was elected by the democrats of both branches but they say he has failed to appreciate the fact. Now, he is up against it. As it is believed that the office of assistant city solicitor will be created next year, the position of city solicitor will be much more desirable than formerly, that is, if the committee on salaries doesn't nail the "per annum" when it shall meet.

There was an ominous air about the office of superintendent of streets and superintendent of commons, which are in the same room, yesterday afternoon, for internal disruption is rife in their respective midst.

The only man present when The Sun reporter called was George Frye, the Silent, who in answer to the reporter's query, said: "I don't know anything about their troubles. They don't tell me anything."

Though it was reported about town that Supt. Cheney had discharged Laforest Beals yesterday, and while Mr. Beals has been expecting the word daily for a week, it would appear that Supt. Cheney has not yet summoned up the courage to bid Beals get him hence, for Cheney has ever had the greatest respect for "Forest's" pull. He attempted to drop him once, but failed, and but little love has been lost between them for many moons. An office-holder, who remembers back a few years says: "I don't think Cheney will fire Beals. They have had it just as hot before."

Cheney will have his hands full against Beals for superintendent. Beals is the friend of the laborers on the department and he is also in good favor with the democrats. He steals into the fight against Cheney with three republican councilmen from his own ward behind him, Councilmen Burns, Brousseau and Walker. Some may think that by reason of the fact that Brousseau was assistant superintendent under Cheney at one time that he will stick to his friend of ante-Klondike days, but Mr. Beals' friends state that Pierre is with their man for all time and it would seem that they should know whereof they speak. The democrats would turn to Beals more graciously than to any other republican and with a good prospect of democratic support if the pinch came, his prospects appear to be bright. Ex-Supt. George L. Fowler who turned down Brousseau is also mentioned as a candidate, but his chances are mighty slim, for Brousseau and his friends in the council will not support him under any circumstances.

Capt. A. D. Mitten was at city hall for quite a length of time yesterday, and many thought that he was out for his own candidacy for president of the common council. But there are those who learned differently and were surprised to learn that Capt. Mitten was not at city hall in his own behalf but to work against his brother officer, Lieut. Joseph S. Gillow of Co. M. To those who have followed the trials and tribulations of Co. M for several years past, it is not surprising to hear that the captain and the lieutenant are at sword's points, as it were. Capt. Mitten, it is said, was armed yesterday with a list of the democrats who are working in Supt. Gillow's department and was soliciting votes for Charlie Varnum.

Mr. Varnum also was at city hall yesterday afternoon and he said to the reporter: "The supreme court put me out of the office before but I am in the fight again." There are no other candidates for the position on the republican ticket.

In addition to the candidates mentioned in yesterday's Sun for the position of superintendent of commons, a few more have come to light. They are John W. W. Tilton, Capt. E. B. Carr and Thomas G. Little, the latter of ward three. Little has run for office perennially almost since Adam played in a juvenile team but no one has ever yet had occasion to accuse him of having held office. He ran for common council last year and this year and is running yet.

The candidates for the position of city messenger are growing more numerous daily. In addition to those whom I mentioned yesterday, Walter E. Hedgeman who was defeated for the common council in ward three and William E. Savage who was in the contest last year are also looking for it, while they do say that Jim McDowell will take a chance at it. Jim will go down in history as one of the founders of the Lincoln club. He has never held office, through no fault of his own.

"Wait until Quality Hill puts up a candidate for mayor," say the friends of Senator Putnam. "We have waited honey, waited long for you," is the song of Quality Hill, for the republicans there could never forgive Putnam for putting them in a country senatorial district and compelling them to go to Ayer Junction to attend a senatorial convention.

Perhaps Colonel Carmichael will not have a good time of it. The law requires minority representation on all committees and at that rate the colonel will have to stand on all of them.

THE LEATHER TRADE

SLIGHT SLACKENING OF CALL FOR STOCK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Although December toward the Christmas holidays is usually a quieter period than the weeks immediately preceding in the leather trade, there is a fair demand for both upper and sole stock, in spite of the manifest slackening of business incidental to the time between seasons, and holders of all kinds of leather maintain quotations as firmly as ever.

Compared with some Decembers the current demand would be considered an active one. Sample shoes are in preparation and a goodly amount of stock is wanted for the purpose. The market is strongly upheld, therefore, with a view to impressing upon manufacturers the importance of obtaining good prices for their finished product.

The wage question is a possible future factor in the situation. So many advances in other lines of manufacturing have taken place lately that the problem is likely to come up in the leather industries, as well as in cotton and woolen mills. This would add to the cost of shoes to the jobbers and shrewd buyers are paying ruling prices more readily than they would if this contingency did not appear among the possibilities of the near future.

MONTHLY SOCIAL

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE Y. W. C. A.

The monthly social at the Y. W. C. A. room was attended by many young women last night. There was a pleasant little program, including readings by Miss Gertrude Edmund, songs by Mrs. Nichols of the Eliot church choir, and piano solos by Mrs. Nellie Hamilton Taylor. Refreshments were served under the direction of the social committee.

ENJOYABLE BANQUET

OF L. H. S. FOOTBALL TEAM AND ITS FRIENDS.

Last evening, the members of the Lowell High school football team and a few friends held a banquet at D. L. Page's. The party sat down about 7 o'clock and among those present were: Messrs. Ralph Hayden, Morris Butterfield, John Davis, Arthur Coskin, Frank Seamel, Charles Stevens, Russell Morrill, William Morrison, Frank O'Sullivan, Fred Meredith, Robert White, Luther Faulkner, David O'Brien, Carl Staples, John Foster, Mr. Cyrus W. Irish, Mr. F. W. Sleeburne, Mr. Carl Burtt, Mr. Thomas Nesmith, Mr. John Rogers and Mr. John Drury were invited guests.

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The question that has been so fully discussed the past few years, "What shall millionaires do with their money?" has in many instances been nobly answered. In many large cities throughout the country, capitalists are using their money for the establishment and maintenance of just such institutions as the Ayer Home.

The charity represented by the Ayer Home has been generously remembered in this distribution of wealth. For instance the late Mrs. Josephine Ayer and her son, Frederick F. Ayer, have given the large and commodious stone house overlooking the Merrimack river on Pawtucket street and which was for so many years the home of the Ayer family. The gift made it possible for the directors and patrons to greatly extend their work and to furnish accommodations for large numbers, but children must be clothed and fed as well as sheltered. In her will, Mrs. Ayer bequeathed the sum of $109,000 as a fund for the Ayer Home, a most worthy donation. This will enable the directors and patrons of the Home to carry on what they undertook to do.

This institution has not always been known as the Ayer Home. It was formerly known as the Home for Young Women and Children and was located at 10 John street. But seven years ago Mrs. Ayer made a gift of the stone house on Pawtucket street and the name of the institution was changed to the Ayer Home for Young Women and Children in honor of the donor of the new and more commodious home. And it has since been known as the Ayer Home and probably will until it ceases to exist.

It will no doubt be of interest to the readers to know how the children at this institution pass their time. At present no young women are sheltered at the home, although at various times in past years there have been large numbers of them. The total number of children is 38, of which two-thirds are girls and one-third boys. They are a bright-appearing and healthy lot and all appear to be happy and contented. Everything is done at the institution to make it home-like for the children, and in this respect Mrs. Rouviere, the matron, her assistant and the other attendants have in no small degree met with gratifying success.

The largest number that has ever been sheltered at the Home at one time was 66. That was about seven years ago. That stands as the highest mark ever reached. The ages of the children range from three to fifteen years, and a remarkable feature is the fact that in eight years only one death has occurred at the Home, one child, a boy dying a year ago last July. That is certainly a remarkably low death-record.

Most of the children are up mornings shortly after 7 o'clock. They have breakfast and are then got ready for school. They all attend the Bartlett school on Wannalancit street, not a very great distance from the Home. They return to the institution for dinner and then go back to school for the afternoon.

When school is over, the children immediately return to the Home and from 4 o'clock to 5.30, enjoy themselves playing. If the weather permits either in summer or winter, they are allowed to go into the yard on the west side of the stone house where there is a swing and a large box of dirt and plenty of space for the little ones to enjoy themselves and you should see the fun they have. When the weather is disagreeable, the children can have their fun just the same. They have two spacious play rooms, one for those under 10 years and the other for those over that age. They are provided with blocks and toys of all descriptions and they make things quite merry during playtime. They play all kinds of games one can think of. The little ones are already preparing their Christmas tree which will be a beauty.

It should not be understood that between the hours of 4 and 5.30 every afternoon except Sunday the children are obliged to stay in the play rooms. That would be absurd. They are permitted to go to any part of the house without restriction.

At 5.30 they have supper and all under 10 are supposed to have retired before 7. The older children, however are allowed to remain up until 9 o'clock. The boys read and the girls sew and crochet. That is the day's routine at the Ayer Home. On Sunday the children attend the John Street Congregational church in a body and they also attend Sunday school at the same church. They are always accompanied to church by one of the attendants at the institution. Returning from the church they spend the afternoon or at least a good part of it in the drawing room where they sing hymns and give recitations and also receive the religious instruction from the matron or her assistant. Sunday evening, the children devote their time to reading.

Much of the success that has attended the Ayer Home is due in no small measure to the industrious and painstaking matron Mrs. A. G. Rouviere, who is well fitted in every way for the important position she holds; and who has made a host of friends since coming to Lowell twelve and one-half years ago. She came as matron of the Home when it was located on John street and has been connected with it continuously since. It will be to the advantage of the institution that she should continue in charge of its affairs. Mrs. Rouviere was connected with similar institutions for many years previous to her coming to this city. The matron has an able assistant in her daughter, Miss Jessie M. Rouviere, who is equally untiring in her efforts to make the children as happy as possible.

The interests of the institution are looked after by a board of directors and patrons composed of Lowell's best known people.

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CARNEGIE-BORDEN

Comparison Made by Fiber and Fabric

The Fibre and Fabric says:

While Carnegie extracts millions from his employes and donates libraries to different towns, without a word M. C. D. Borden of Fall River voluntarily adds 10 per cent. to the wages of 2700 employes. In doing this, he has conferred more real happiness than if he had donated a library to every town in Massachusetts, for there is more virtue in a barrel of flour in a poor man's family than in a ton of books. Carnegie believes that he is building monuments to himself when he builds libraries with the money which belongs to his workmen. Men who earn the money to build libraries never enter them. There is library enough in a Sunday paper to stagger most men and it is delivered to the poor man's door for a nickel. The operatives and business men of Fall River are not asking why Mr. Borden made the advance nor do they care. They know that it means $20,000 a week extra in wages for 30,000 operatives in that city and nearly $75,000 per week extra for the 100,000 textile operatives of New England. A more genuinely handsome Thanksgiving offering could not be conceived. Employers who would like to feel what it is to be in heaven can experience a little of that feeling by giving to employes a little more of the money that they earn. What is the use of piling up million upon million, for if such men go to a church and believe the doctrine they must know that if they took the millions with them they would melt and spoil their new shroud. No man can own wealth; some men are given more to care for than other men, and the man who hands it to the poor lends to the Lord and is paid back with interest: he who gives to a college saddles a curse upon the people.

NEW LIBRARY

WAS DEDICATED IN HOPEDALE YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HOPEDALE, Mass., Dec. 15.—The Bancroft Memorial Library erected at a cost of $59,000 and presented to the town of Hopedale by Joseph B. Bancroft, was publicly dedicated yesterday afternoon. Rev. L. G. Wilson offered prayer and made a brief address, after which a letter of presentation from Mr. Bancroft was read and the library formally accepted by Edward L. Osgood, chairman of the committee appointed by the town.

The library was given by Mr. Bancroft in memory of his wife, Sylvia T. Bancroft. The building is of pure white granite of modified old English style of architecture.

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Jas. Starin, of St. Paul, Minn., says: "I had always been thin and emaciated; appetite good, but food did not seem to nourish me and had never found anything to do me any good until I commenced to take Johnson's Dyspepsia Cure. Have now been taking it two months, have gained fifteen pounds and am still increasing. It is a wonderful medicine for weak and run down people." Large Boxes, 10c. 25c and 50c.

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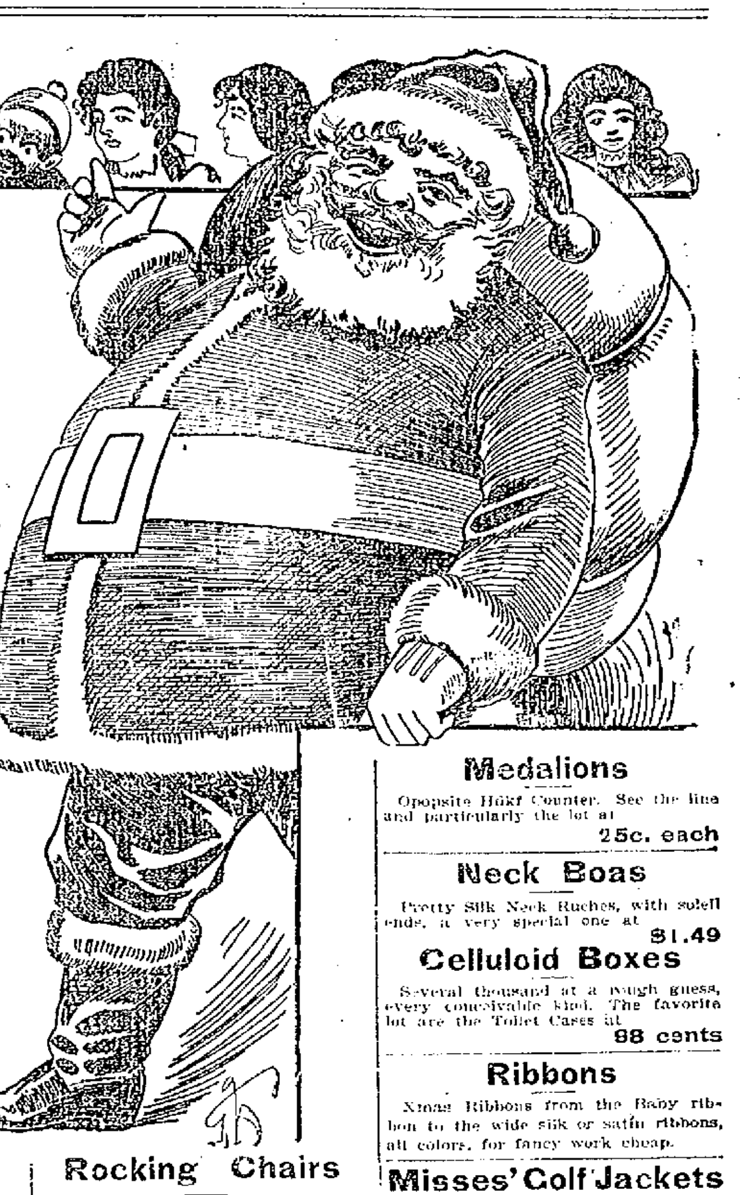

While the "Big Folks" were being enthused by the election returns on Tuesday evening, we suspect that the "Little Folks" were dreaming of the coming of Santa Claus to our store on Wednesday.

His Honor retained the chair, and judging by the immense concourse of both young and old to our store Tuesday, Santa Claus retains his popularity. We wish to make a suggestion, viz: That children be sent in the forenoon if they come alone, as only those accompanied by parents or some grown person will be allowed to visit in the afternoon. We do this for two reasons: First, to avoid the tremendous crowds during aftternoon shopping hours; second, in justice to ourselves, as a good many dollars' worth of goods were destroyed in the jam of Wednesday.

YOURS TRULY, THE BON MARCHE DRY GOODS CO.

N. B.—Santa Claus will appear in our Toy Window and on his balcony (second floor) in the afternoon, so all the boys and girls CAN SEE HIM FROM THE STREET.

Handkerchiefs. See our Big thing in Scallop Emb. H. B. Hdkfs., also Lace trimmed at 15c. each

Aprons. A special! Lace and hamburg trimmed, with insertion flounce Bib at 39c. each

Dolls. Little beauties, all dressed complete same as a being. A grand lot at 49 cents

Doll Carriages. The ones that the children will not give up when they once see them. The price only 25 cents

Gloves. Make a nice gift, a Pair of Kid Gloves, ours especially, in the fancy back, 2 and 2 clasp, all new shades heavy fancy point, 98c. pair

Stationery. The kind that our prices move at. Big thing at 10 cents. Fancy Boxes with ribbon bows.

Xmas Mixture. Special at our Candy Dept. Xmas mixtures at only 8 1-3c. lb.

Xmas Slippers. We have a very fine line. Our special is Ladies and Gents' fancy Slippers at 98 cents

Umbrellas. Always make nice Xmas Gifts. A manufacturers samples of high grade Umbrellas, worth as high as $8.00 for at $3.98

Toy Trunks. Hundreds of Trunks, all sizes, all kinds. See the special one with tray complete, only 25 cents

Xmas Tree Ornaments. Brilliant beyond description, all sizes, shapes and shades. The big lot at 10c. doz.

Pipes. Real French Briar Pipe, with round leather case, plush lined, C. P. F. Mfr., only 98 cents

Suspenders. An acceptable Gift always. We've a fine line in the lot at 25 cents

Reception Chairs. Gilt with Silk Brocatelle upholstery, warranted not to tarnish, see the ones at $3.98

Shoes. The 2 greatest lines in America The "Sorosis," The "Queen Quality," $3.50 and $3 respectively

Doll Pianos. A Big Ass't, all sizes in Ebony and White and Gold, see the dainty one at 25 cents

Toy Banks. An immense line of Banks from 5c up. See the lot with combination safe at 25 cents

Sleds. What the Boys will need soon, strong single sleds, made to stand banging, only 25 cents

Pocketbooks. An excellent Pocket Book in various leathers, all new colors and black, choice 49 cents

Neckwear. New Fall Neckties in Imperials, Tecks and Puffs, all silk, silk lined, 49 cents

Silverware. About $200 worth of warranted goods, suitable for Xmas presents.

Books. A complete stock of Holiday Books. Discounts to Sunday schools, etc. See the Poets with padded covers. 59 cents

Towels. Sensible for a Xmas Present. All linen, fringed Damask Towels, only 18c. each

Children's Chairs. Prettily Upholstered in Plush and Velour. See the lot at $1.98

Aprons. Xmas Aprons, the latest thing is the Bib with lace and hamburg trimmed, only 25 cents

Armlets. Something the men always appreciate. We are selling 25c ones, put up in glass boxes, for 19c. a pair

Jewelry. More Jewelry than most stores. See our new novelties at 25 cents. Brooch Pins, Stick Pins, etc.

Express Wagons. Well built Wagons in all sizes, made to stand the Boys rough usage. See the 25c. ones

Doll Swings. Made by the Indians in all colors. A big thing for 25 cents

Leggings. We have all kinds, all sizes, all lengths for women and children. See our leader, misses at 98 cents

Diaries. For 1900, all sizes, all shapes, all prices, from 10c. to 98c. Paper and Leather Covers.

Trimmed Hats. Make your wife a present of a $6.00 Hat, which we are selling at $3.98

Ebony Sets. (Sterling Silver Mounted), Toilet Sets, Gents' Military Brushes, Nut Pick and Nut Cracker Sets, Cream Jars and Puff Boxes, etc., prices O. K.

Fancy China. An immense line of Cups and Saucers, fancy plates, Lamps and Bread Tray. See the Pretty Cake plates and Salad Dishes, hand decorated and gold stippled at 49 cents

Bed Puffs. Fine Satine Bed Puffs, fancy scroll stitch, snow flake cotton filled, our price $3.98

Calendars. For 1900. They are going fast. If you want one come quick. 10c. up

Table Cloths. Xmas Cloths in sets or separate, a special Irish Linen Pattern Cloth at $2.00 (Napkins to match if needed.)

Rocking Chairs. For the Big Folks, Quartered Oak, Scoop Seat, all polished, only $3.59

Furs. We have Fur Coats, Fur Boas, Fur Victorines, Fur Collarettes and Fur Sets, Fur Muffs. See the French Marten Collar with 6 tails, only $4.98

Albums. Not a very large stock, but a very fine assortment of all the new things, prices begin at 25 cents

Medalions. Opposite Hdkf Counter. See the line and particularly the lot at 25c. each

Neck Boas. Pretty Silk Neck Ruches, with solell ends, a very special one at $1.49

Celluloid Boxes. Several thousand at a rough guess, every conceivable kind. The favorite lot are the Toilet Cases at 98 cents

Ribbons. Xmas Ribbons from the Baby ribbon to the wide silk or satin ribbons, all colors, for fancy work cheap.

Misses' Golf Jackets. A special thing, made of Golf Steamer Rug Cloth, with Storm Collar and Pearl Buttons, etc., only $7.98

A Jacket makes a nice Gift, see our stock of Kersey, Melton and Montanak Cloth Coats with Velour Collars and Silk lining at $10.00

Petticoats. A Gift appreciated always. The imported Mercerized Cloth Petticoats at $3.98

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The Bon Marche Dry Goods Co.

VERY SUSPICIOUS

Montreal is a Afraid of American Speculators

THINKS THEY ARE AFTER HER GRAIN TRADE

Wary of a Buffalo Syndicate's Offer

By Associated Press to The Sun.

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—Quebec and the other shipping ports of the St. Lawrence below Montreal are laughing at the airs assumed by the latter port toward a number of Buffalo capitalists, who propose to do an enormous grain shipping business there. The proposition of this American syndicate is on so vast a scale that the Montrealers are afraid to commit themselves to its acceptance lest it should be found to conceal a plot for the destruction of their port. The simple proposal of the Buffalo capitalists headed by Mr. W. J. Connors, who controls most of the Buffalo elevators, is to do a large part of their grain shipping business from Montreal instead of from Buffalo.

The Connors syndicate has interested a number of Canadians in its scheme by taking in some of the prominent members of the governing party here. They ask for space in the harbor of Montreal to build a number of elevators, being about one-fifth of the entire harbor space and that portion of it which is so situated, according to the opponents of the scheme, as to control the trade of Canada's canal system.

The syndicate offers to guarantee to bring 25,000,000 bushels of wheat annually to Montreal, which at present exports only about 10,000,000 bushels annually.

The Montreal harbor commission was about to agree to this arrangement last week, when vigorous opposition arose on the ground that the syndicate from Buffalo was endeavoring to secure a controlling interest in the harbor of Montreal for the purpose of killing its trade. Indeed, Mr. Alexander McFee, president of the Montreal Corn exchange, does not hesitate to declare that a gigantic trust of American railways is at the back of the Connors elevator scheme, and plots, by expending a million or so of money, to close up the St. Lawrence route as far as competing with these roads and New York and Boston in the grain carrying trade is concerned.

The plan of the railways, he says, is to maintain Buffalo as the great grain distributing center, and govern the rates from that city to the sea, which are threatened to be disturbed, by the recent competition, at a cost of $9,000,000, of the Canadian canal system.

It is urged that the American railways controlling the trust, running to the seaboard and handling vast quantities of grain, for which they receive four cents a bushel, view with alarm the opening of the Canadian canal system in its enlarged form, which will enable grain to be shipped from the west to Montreal for two cents a bushel, and have resolved to offer close competition in this quarter by the expenditure of an odd million or two of dollars through Connors and his syndicate, if they can obtain possession of the commanding sites in the port of Montreal.

A few years ago the people of Montreal would have jumped at such an offer as that of Mr. Connors and his syndicate, but just now they appear so satisfied that within the next two years they will be handling 100,000,000 bushels of wheat a year by keeping the trade in their own hands that they have become firmly convinced that the Connors syndicate is simply acting for New York railways and Boston elevators in order to keep up earnings and protect Buffalo as the great distributing centre.

So suspicious are they of Yankee trusts and of the American desire to get the vast advantages of their newly and expensively enlarged canal system that they are unable to realize the possibility of the Buffalo syndicate doing legitimate shipping business in Montreal and finding a sufficient inducement for so doing in the difference of two cents a bushel in the cost of shipping grain by rail to New York or Boston and by water to Montreal.

If the syndicate's offer should be finally rejected by Montreal it may be repeated to Quebec, where a speedy acceptance awaits it.

LOTTERY SCHEME

Postmasters Instructed About Such Mail

The November Postal Guide is in the hands of postmasters and other government officials throughout the country, and it contains some information which will be valuable to the public in sending and receiving mails.

The acting postmaster general calls attention to a foreign lottery company which has been working more or less mischief in this country. Here is the vigorous language he uses on the subject: "It having been made to appear to the postmaster general upon evidence satisfactory to him that W. Fodor & Co., Buda Pesth, Germany, are engaged in conducting a scheme for the distribution of money by lot or chance through the mail. Under authority of the law in the case the postmaster-general forbids you to forward any postal money order drawn to the order of said W. Fodor & Co., and you are hereby directed to inform the remitter of any such postal money order that payment thereof has been forbidden, and that the amount thereof will be returned on presentation of a duplicate money order applied for and obtained under the regulations of the department. And you are hereby instructed to return all letters, whether registered or not, and other mail matter which shall arrive at your office directed to the said firm to the postmaster at the offices at which they were originally mailed, to be delivered to the senders thereof, with the word 'fraudulent' plainly written or stamped upon the outside of such letters or matter."

At first and second class post offices the postmaster, assistant, clerk or letter carrier when not on regular tours of duty, or other salaried employes of any post office is authorized to deliver special delivery matter and receive the lawful fees thereof.

Postmasters at international money order offices are notified that owing to the war now in progress in South Africa, money orders cannot be delivered in the Transvaal or Orange Free State, and orders payable in those places must not, therefore, be issued until further notice is received from the department.

Rev. S. Hartwell Pratt, the evangelist, was called to his home in Springfield by a telegram announcing the death of his mother.

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WATER VERY LOW

Nashua Mills Depending on the Stream

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NASHUA, Dec. 15.—The recent drought and the resulting low water in the Nashua river has affected the Nashua and Jackson mills of this city to considerable extent and were it not for the excellent steam plants, the mills would have to practically suspend operations.

Superintendent Hussey of the Nashua Manufacturing company said: "The water in the Nashua river is very low for this time of year and if we had to depend entirely on water for motive power we would be seriously handicapped. At the present time we can depend on but between 500 and 800 horse power from our water sources. This is very unusual for this time of the year as we generally look upon the winter season to furnish us with the greatest water power. The conditions are vastly different from a year ago. Then all of our seven turbine wheels were in operation and scarcely any steam was used."

Questioned in regard to the success of water as a motive power for manufacturing establishments at the present time, Mr. Hussey was of the opinion that water was all right in its place but there is great necessity that it be backed up by a steam plant. Continuing he said: "I do not believe we will be able to utilize the entire capacity of our water plant this winter at least. Before the partial diversion of the headwaters of the Nashua river a few years ago by the Metropolitan Water company of Boston, there was little trouble in getting a copious water supply, but with the changed conditions the prospects are pretty slim.

DEEPENING HARBOR

SALEM ALDERMEN ADOPT RESOLUTIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SALEM, Dec. 15.—At the last meeting of the board of aldermen a resolution was adopted, co-operating with the petition of vessel owners and business men, to congress, asking for an appropriation to defray the expenses of deepening the harbor. Attention was called to the necessity of improving the harbor to meet the demands of commerce. Nearly 2000 vessels arrive at this port annually, a considerable number being steamers of large tonnage.

The order prohibiting all persons not duly authorized to inspect bills and books, adopted at the last meeting, was refused reconsideration.

An order was submitted favoring a reduction of 25 per cent. on all salaries exceeding $1000 per annum. This was laid on the table.

CHAMPNEY'S PAINTINGS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The paintings of Mr. Benjamin Champney, the well-known landscape painter, are to be sold by auction at Leonard & Co.'s gallery today, and tomorrow. There are 158 examples, which include landscapes, fruit pieces, flowers, etc.

Mr. Champney is one of the old-time artists and began to study his profession early in life. By the advice of Washington Allston he went to Paris in 1841. He followed the life classes and studied the great masters in the galleries of the Louvre. He exhibited paintings in the salons of 1844-45. He sailed for Boston in 1848, returning to Paris in 1847, where he studied the scenery of the river from Cologne to Mayence in company with W. A. Gay.

In 1866 he spent the summer in Brittany in company with Robert Wylie, Earl Shinn, Howard Roberts and others. His studio in North Conway is a noted resort and is visited by people from all parts of the country.

The collection contains many fine sketches of White mountain scenery, while his flower pieces are charming in execution and design. His pictures are now on exhibition.

McHENRY TO WALK.

The Twilight club of Lawrence will hold a dance and smoke talk in Saunders hall Friday evening, December 22. The cake walk will be between Thos. McHenry and John Barron for the championship of New England.

BILLERICA CENTRE

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT UNITARIAN FAIR.

There was a larger attendance at the second night of the Unitarian society fair than on the previous evening. A salad supper, followed by an entertainment, was served by the ladies.

Mrs. W. D. Fitch and Mrs. Edward Stearns had charge of the supper with the following named ladies assisting on tables: Mrs. Louise and Edith Hawes, Miss Lottie Cowdrey, Miss Annie Fitch, Miss Myra Bigelow, Mrs. Jos. Jaquith and Mrs. Sarah Hawes.

The entertainment was furnished by the Billerica orchestra under direction of Herbert Handley and Mr. Simonds also favored with several piano selections.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the First Baptist church held their annual sale and entertainment in the vestry of the church yesterday afternoon and evening.

Fancy articles were on sale after 2 o'clock and supper was served from 6 to 8. The vestry was decorated with ... branches, evergreen, palms and ferns from Mrs. Dimock.

Songs, Samuel Stott and Miss Annie Wala, also selections by a clarinet ... Miss Jessie Allen and Miss Agnes Allan; harmonica trio, the Messrs. Butterfield; readings, Henry Brown and Miss Sadie Bainforth; harmonica solo, Joan Merrill.

Mrs. Harry Arnold was accompanist.

The following named ladies had charge of the various tables:

Fancy table, Mrs. Thayer, Mrs. Wallis Stackpole and Miss Lizzie Babaforth.

Candy table, Miss Gladys Chapman and Miss Florence Young.

Pound table, Mrs. Alexander Parks.

Ice Cream, Mrs. D. R. Dimock, Miss Alice Whittaker and Miss Bertha Taylor.

A PINK PARTY

HELD AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB LAST EVENING.

A "pink" party was the attraction for about 50 couples at the Highland club hall last night. Those who were not fortunate enough to have a pink were not allowed to dance, but every one was well supplied. J. S. Hanson was the floor director and his aids were: David Moore, George Runels, Herbert C. Taft, George Sargent, Alex. Green, Thomas Murphy. Dancing lasted from 8 until 12, with an intermission for refreshments served by the D. L. Page company. Hibbard's orchestra furnished the music for dancing.

MINISTERS CONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate yesterday confirmed the following nominations:

To be United States ministers: William P. Lord of Oregon, to the Argentine Republic; Herbert W. Bowen of New York to Persia; Arthur S. Hardy of New York to Greece, Roumania and Servia; Lawrence Townsend of Pennsylvania to Belgium; Bellamy Storer of Ohio to Spain; John N. Irwin of Iowa to Portugal.

HOLIDAY DOLL CARRIAGES.

We are giving away to Christmas a doll carriage with a pound of tea and coffee. Diekrout Bros., The Big Tea Dealers, 15 Merrimack street.

A SAD ROMANCE

Arthur Mason to Pay Porter's Debts

AND MARRY THE LATTER'S SISTER

Mason to Make $250,000 in Speculation

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—To cancel a debt of honor and to win the girl he loves, Arthur Mason, a young man of this city, has set out to win $250,000 in speculation in six months. Nearly three of those months have elapsed and so far he has been successful.

He has wrested nearly $150,000 from the exchanges, from bucketshops and from the pits, but he will not stop. He plunges with the delirium of a crazy man, apparently, without method, but one day he won as high as $17,000. Twice he has been down to less than $100.

"I will get it," he declares—"I will!" Mason is 29 years old, quiet, smooth-faced and cool as an icicle.

Mason wants the money to repay the sum his friend, Horace L. Porter, lost in speculation two years ago. He has determined to repay this and then he will marry Alva Porter, his friend's sister. He regards the money as a debt of honor and will not marry until it is paid.

Arthur Mason is the son of Elias Mason, the head of a large shipping business on the great lakes. The young man has determined that, alone and unaided, he will make his own fortune.

While Mason was at Princeton he met Horace L. Porter, a quiet, mild-mannered youth of a rather retiring disposition. Porter was of the sort that is susceptible to a man of strong personality. So it was that, despite the extreme difference in their physical and mental compositions, a strong attachment sprang up between the two young men, which strengthened as time wore on.

It was at Porter's western home that Mason first met sweet-faced little Alva Porter. The girl, like her brother, became enraptured with the air of reckless bohemianism which Mason habitually assumed. In less than three months' time the girl, but 19 years old, had given her promise to Mason that she would become his wife.

Porter suggested to his friend that they go into business together. The offer was accepted. In less than a year Porter's inheritance of $250,000 had dwindled to about $10,000. Mason would not ask his father for assistance and Porter refused to write his mother for money, and thus, it was that at the outbreak of the recent war with Spain Porter was working as a clerk in a Boston dry goods store, while Mason earned a sort of livelihood as a board marker in a Boston bucketshop. When President McKinley issued his call for volunteers, Arthur Mason and Horace Porter were among the first to present themselves for enrollment on the books of the Ninth regiment of Massachusetts volunteers.

Mason went from choice; Porter because his friend enlisted. They went to Cuba. Mason, strong of physique, withstood the awful ordeal, but Porter, always delicate in health, quickly began to feel the effects of the climate.

He became ill and was removed to the hospital. Mason begged to be allowed to go with his friend, and the request was granted. Porter was unable to resist the tropical fever and in a few days was dead. Mason cared for Porter as tenderly as a mother would a sick child.

Upon his return from Cuba almost the first one to meet him at Montauk Point was his father. An affecting scene followed.

For the past few months Mason has been living in this city. He has made the statement that as he lost his father's money by speculation he will continue speculating until he finds it again.

During all this time Alva Porter has written many letters. She urges him to abandon his self-imposed task and marry her. She waits for him to say the word, and yet he refuses till he has accomplished his purpose of securing $250,000.

FATALLY BURNED

CHILD WAS PLAYING WITH PAPER NEAR STOVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15.—William Dorney, two and a half years old, was fatally burned this afternoon at his home on Little street. The child was playing with paper at a stove and set fire to his clothing. There is no hope for his recovery.

OXFORD CLUB

OPEN THEIR SECOND SEASON OF SOCIAL DANCES.

The second season of parties of the Oxford club was opened last evening at Prescott hall by a social and dance. The American orchestra furnished music for the 150 couples present. The officers were: General manager, Geo. W. Harper; assistant, John J. Riley; floor director, Hector Nichols; assistant, Frank B. Whitcher; chief aid, Robert Parker; aids, Gilbert Whitcher, William Maddocks, Patrick Boyal, John Kane, Omer Lavoie, Alex. Ducharm, William Ernst, George Jaques; reception committee, Thomas Allen, David Rowe, James Moylon, John Cooley, Albert Bernard, John Mahan, Fred Kenada, Arthur Burnhart, Louis Leclair, Carl Chandler.

CARGO OF MAIL

THE LARGEST FROM EUROPE AT BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—What is claimed to be the largest single consignment of mail from Europe to this country was brought to this port by the Dominion liner New England last night. She signalled the Associated Press marine observer at Highland light, shortly after six o'clock and then proceeded across Massachusetts bay to quarantine in Boston harbor. Arriving there at 8.30, where the mail was sent to the city. The amount of foreign mail handled last night broke all records at the Boston post office. While only a small portion of it stayed here, the bulk of 2634 sacks has yet to be forwarded to New York and the west. The mail is mostly of a Christmas nature. The New England's heavy cargo of mail is due to the British government chartering so many vessels for transports.

MONTHLY DANCE.

The Associate club held its regular monthly dance last night at Pilgrim hall. Lew's orchestra furnished the music and the officers were: General manager, Mr. Lewis Anderson; assistant, Mr. Arthur Moore; matrons, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. Marsh.

Have You Seen the Great Display of

CHRISTMAS GOODS

OF ALL KINDS AT

J. DRAIN'S NEW STORES, 83 to 89 Gorham St.

It is simply grand, everything is new, everything is lovely and everything is more than reasonable in prices. Why, the doll you can get at Drain's for 23c, down town they ask you 38c.

Drain Dolls for 49c, others ask 75c. Drain Dolls for 75c, others ask $1.00.

Drain Dolls for 98c, others ask $1.49.

Just see them, they are something elegant, all kinds, sleeping dolls for 25c, dressed in boxes.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 25c, kid body.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 49c, kid body, worth 75c, and every price of a doll you can think of.

Handkerchiefs, all prices, largest line in city. See their window.

Jewelry pocketbooks, fancy toilet and miniature set of all kinds, silk and linen initial Handkerchiefs, 5c up to 49c, great values in white aprons. Our line is very much larger than ever before. Special value in very fine goods for 25c, 38c and 49c, worth at least 50 per cent. more than we ask.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR GENT'S FURNISHING window loaded with Gent's fine neckwear of the very highest grade, thousands of different styles for 23c, others ask 38c for no better.

Almost 100 Dozen of the finest goods ever shipped into Lowell and in an endless variety of styles and colors we are selling for 17c. You can't match them in Lowell for less than 75c or 98c, think of what you are saving on this item alone. See our window.

To the people of Lowell and surrounding towns that have not seen our new store be sure you visit us now, every article in our store is a bargain, everything in our four large windows is lovely, everything you buy from us is right, if not we will make it right, fair, square dealing with the people has placed us where we are today, second to none in Lowell for giving the people great values. We buy for cash, we sell for cash, and we are the only one price Dry and Fancy Goods Store in Lowell.

J. DRAIN, 83 to 89 Gorhrm St.

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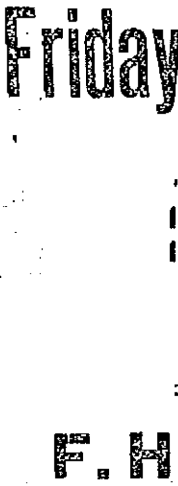

Is the question of all the ladies that come to our store. Why do you advertise? We think that your low prices ought to bring all the ladies of the town to your store. That's a fact and that is just why we advertise to let them know where to come.

It is at 113 Gorham street, one minutes' walk from post office, where the expenses are also low.

Jackets from $2.98 to $18.50; Capes from $3.98 to $9.98; Suits from $6.00 to $19.00; Skirts from 98c, to $25.00; Waists from 50c, to $7.50; Collarettes from $2.65 to $9.50; Fur Scarfs from 98c, to $7.50; Wrappers from 49c, to $1.75; Petticoats from 25c, to $4.00.

COOPER'S Cozy Cloak and Suit Store, 113 Gorham St., one Minute's Walk From P. O.

LARD.

IN ORIGINAL PACKAGES FOR

Friday and Saturday

OF THIS WEEK.

10 lb. tub	Lard	75c,
10 lb. pail	"	75c,
5 " "	"	40c.
3 " "	"	25c.
1 "package"		9c.

REMEMBER THE DAYS,

F. H. HODGES CO.

Old Boston & Maine, Station, Central St.

CREDIT TO ALL

Useful Presents

WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EASY AND COMFORTABLE FOR YOU AND OUR SPECIAL TERMS ARE BOUND TO MEET WITH HEARTY RESPONSE AT A TIME WHEN EVERYBODY IS INTERESTED IN HAVING A DOLLAR GO A LONG WAY.

PRACTICAL PEOPLE TURN ASIDE FROM THE TRIFLING NOTHING AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS WE ARE MAKING TO ENCOURAGE THE BUYING OF USEFUL ARTICLES.

$ 5.00 worth of goods—	50c. down—	50c. week
10.00 " " "	75c. "	75c. "
15.00 " "	$1.00 "	$1.00 "
25.00 " " "	1.50 "	1.50 "

IS THERE A NICER AND MORE USEFUL PRESENT FOR YOUR HUSBAND AND BOY THAN AN OVERCOAT OR A SUIT? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WILL PLEASE YOUR WIFE OR DAUGHTER BETTER THAN A STYLISH JACKET, A CAPE, A SKIRT, OR A TRIMMED HAT? IF YOU WANT ANY OF THESE GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, SAY SO. YOU SHALL HAVE THEM AT ONCE. YOUR BILL WILL NOT BE DUE UNTIL A LONG TIME AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK.

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78 MIDDLESEX ST., LOWELL.

A. STRAUSS, Manager.

TRADE MARK Palmo Tablets HEALTH, POWER, ENERGY. stop forever all weakening drains, feed the brain, replace wasted tissue, and send rich, flesh-building blood bounding through every part of the system, making every organ act, and leaving you to glow and tingle with newly found strength. You're a new man, and can feel it! The greatest NERVE TONIC ever discovered. Palmo Tablets cure quickly and forever Nervous Debility, Varicocele, Atrophy, Loss of Memory, Sleeplessness, Dyspepsia, Kidney Diseases. 50c. a box; 12 boxes (with guarantee) $5.00. Sent anywhere. HALSID DRUG CO., Cleveland, O.

Sold at Goodale's Drug Store, the best and cheapest place in Lowell for drugs and medicines, 217 CENTRAL STREET.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—150 stall boarding and baiting stable; could add sales business, three entrances, fine corner; right in the heart of Boston very low rent, long lease, a money-maker if whole time could be devoted, owner has other business, must sell at once; no reasonable cash offer refused, P. A. D., 157 Warren avenue, Boston, Mass.

FOR SALE—Pool room also cigar and tobacco stand, 150 Middlesex street, City.

FOR SALE—One Caligraph, $15.00; in first class condition; one safe in good condition 5x4, $15.00; one roll top desk, oak, nearly new, $15.00. Inquire at Donovan and Munsur, Room 1, 26 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—Most complete line of bath cabinets in the world. One agent sold 600 in four months. Irwin Co., 123 Chambers street, New York.

FOR SALE—... R. I. P. A. N. S. ... five cents at druggists. One gives relief.

FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, has a carriage room, concrete driveway, 100 feet of land, price only $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—On Bridge street, two tenement house, 7 rooms to each tenement, price $.... G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Gorham street, cottage house, good sized lot of land, price $800. On easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—A good place for the money, three miles from the city, 12 acres of land, 9 room-house, large barn and hennery and sheds, this is a bargain, $1800. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good farm in N. H., 150 acres of land, fair buildings, 1 mile from depot, lots of wood and timber, price $400. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good boarding house, very cheap. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Westford street, cottage house and barn, price $3000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Christmas Toys, Dolls and Fancy Goods Wholesale at Boston Price. The Boston Store, 153 Merrimack street.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS—The most useful and desirable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen, or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each complete, 25c. Family printing outfits, from 25c. to $2.00. Boys handy printer, 50c. Every thing in the line of rubber stamps at wholesale prices. J. M. Fellows, 163 Merrimack street.

BROOKS & FRENCH have opened a new home bakery and cash grocery at 561 Bridge street, where they will be glad to see all their old friends and many new ones.

VOYANTE, the queen of life readers and palmists is here for a short time. This gifted lady differs from all other clairvoyants and mediums has never had a single failure. No matter what your troubles are, don't despair. Come and see this wonderful woman. She can help you. Gives advice on love, marriage, and business; tells you of friends and enemies; describes your future husband or wife; gives names and lucky days. $1 sitting for 50c. this week. Bon Marche, room 11. Satisfaction guaranteed or no pay. Office hours from 10 a. m. until 9 p. m. Sundays, from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m. Take the elevator.

DON'T Patronize the Coal Trust. Buy your coal of Haley, Whidden street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c in stamps for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MONEY LOANED TO SALARIED PEOPLE AND RETAIL MERCHANTS, upon their own names, without security, easy payments. TOLMAN, room 46, Associate Building.

SPOT Cash and highest prices for secondhand furniture at 492 Merrimack street. Tel. 166-4.

WE WILL EITHER Buy or store second hand furniture at No. 50 Charles street. When we buy, we pay the highest price and make a specialty of antique pieces. Will be on premises every day from 2 to 4 p. m. E. O'Heir, attorney.

We All Have Troubles

And to dispel them has been the life-study of many a philosopher. Born with a gift of foresight, combined with science enables MADAME NUGENT to clear the mist and fathom the mysterious surrounding all cases of business and matrimony with startling accuracy. She gives dates and names of absent friends, also advice on all business affairs. 352 Central street.

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Just received, 1,700 pounds of fresh, kiln-dried loose hops.

Good for Hop Beer.
Good for Hop Bread.
Good for Hop Pillows.
Good for Home Brewing

These hops are strictly first class high-grade goods, raised and cured this year, on specially prepared ground, for home use, by an expert hop grower. Place your order at once, as the amount is limited.

STILES & CO.,
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SHOE and CLOTHING STORE
24 Prescott Street.
Near Street Car Waiting Room. Open evenings.

The Latest and Best Sewing Machine is the
"SINGER"
Oak, Maple and Mahogany Wood Work. Sixteen Millions of these Machines have been sold.
Needles and Parts for all kinds of Machines.
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Christmas Candles

For Trees and Dinner Service.

Illuminated Glass Cups and Gothic Lamps.
Wax Night Lights,
German Floats,
Gas Tapers and Holders,
Bobeches,
Candle Shades and Shade Holders.

C. B. COBURN & CO.,
63 Market Street.

WANTED.

SOLICITOR WANTED—The New England Cotton Journal of Fall River, Mass., needs a good, responsible subscription solicitor. Will pay a good salary to the right man. Address New England Cotton Journal, Fall River, Mass.

WANTED—Young man as office clerk, typewriter and stenographer who owns his machine. Give age, previous experience and references. Address D, Sun Office.

WANTED—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "Typewriting," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 503, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere or vicinity to mind a baby, daytime. Apply M, Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address K, Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen, girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Dons, 155 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

WANTED—Old and young men to bring their old hats to Delorme, the hatter, the only hater in town where they make hats to order. 261 Middlesex street.

CALL AT GONZALES, the Cutler, 13 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—A lodging or boarding house. Inquire at 157 Appleton street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. O. Beharrell, Room 4, Bon Marche Block.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A pair gold bowed glasses on Broadway, between Lowell hosiery and Willie street. Finder please leave at Lowell hosiery or 611 Merrimack street and be rewarded.

FOUND—A sum of money. Inquire at Sun office.

LOST—A cloth bag with papers of no value except to owner; also a package containing carving knife and fork. Return to 112 Fletcher street and get reward.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 31 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St., Opposite American House.
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW.

LOTHROP & CUNNINGHAM, 132 Merrimack street.
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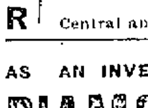
J. M. KINGSBURY, No. 373 Bridge St.
MEATS AND PROVISIONS

WATER CLOSETS and bath tubs from $5 up. All first class plumbing at lowest prices. J. H. Harry, 498 Market street.



Fifteen, Twenty, and Twenty-Five Dollars are frequently paid for just the very same set of teeth that Dr. Simmons will make you for $8.00. Dr. Simmons, Dentist, 219 Central street.

LOOK OVER

Our Stock of

Christmas Goods

Diamonds, $12 to $300
Watches, $2.75 to $150

C. W. Durant,
Central and Middle Sts., Lowell.

AS AN INVESTMENT

DIAMONDS

ARE MOST EXCELLENT

They never deteriorate, wear out or fall in price. They can always be realized on immediately.

When you buy jewelry, buy diamonds. When you buy diamonds, come here. Then you'll be sure you get what you pay for and that you pay no more than you ought to.

GRANT'S
The Reliable Jeweller,
No. 64 Merrimack Street.

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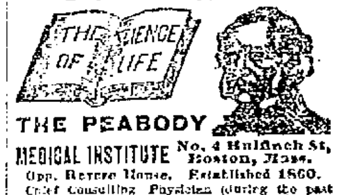
W. T. S. Bartlett
The Up-Town Hardware Store,
653 MERRIMACK STREET.

Strength, Vitality, Manhood.



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Chief Consulting Physician (during the past 30 years), Graduate of Harvard Medical College, Class 1864; Surgeon 5th Regiment, Mass. Volunteers during war of the Rebellion. Always Cures Exhausted Vitality, Nervous and Physical Debility, Premature Decline, Varicocele, Atrophy (wasting) and all Diseases and Weaknesses of Men from whatever cause arising, whether young, middle aged or old. Consultation in person or by letter from 9 to 6. Sundays 10 to 1. The Diagnostician, or Know Thyself Manual, a vade mecum of medical science, with unqualified endorsements and testimonials, price $1, but sent free, sealed, to every male reader mentioning this paper and date, enclosing 6c. for postage. SEND NOW. Inviolable secrecy.

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NEW STORE:
Cor. Gorham and South Highland Streets
Choice Teas, Coffees, and Spices
Try our New Brands of Flour, the Best in the City, "The King Arthur," "Crown of Gold," and "Banquet."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.

The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

DOUBLE TURKEY ROASTERS.

Our usual Thanksgiving offer with a pound of tea and coffee is a large size double turkey roaster. Be sure and get one. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 5 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever find in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Putter & Roberts, florists, 5 Merrimack square. Telephone 656.

LOCAL NEWS.

Try Horne's Coal.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Hot advertising—Stanley's Coal.

Have you had Pelham cigars?

Go to Devine's for trunks, 55 Mer'k.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 294-4.

Globes, Fixtures, Lamps, etc. Sweeney & Welch, 202 Mid'x St. Tel. 545-5.

PASSED THROUGH LOWELL.

A special train from Boston passed through this city soon after 6 o'clock last evening, carrying the Christian Scientists to Concord, N. H., where a lecture was given by Judge Ewing of Chicago. The train stopped in this city to take on local Scientists.

PAPER ON THIBET READ.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the First Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Putnam, 1210 Middlesex street. Mrs. F. A. Warfield presided and Miss Thomas, the church missionary, read a paper on Thibet.

MANY BISHOPS APPOINTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 15.—At the consistory held yesterday, the pope formally announced the appointment of a number of bishops, including that of Monsignor McEvoy to the bishopric of London, Ont., which he has been occupying since August last. The pope also announced the appointments of Mgr. Falconio, the apostolic delegate to Canada, as metropolitan of Larino, and of Monsignor Eloaux to the united sees of Sault St. Marie and Marquette.

CAR INSPECTOR

He Is an Important Individual

We are never resistant about handing the bravery of locomotive engineers, firemen and other trainmen, whose watchfulness and bravery preserve the lives of the traveling public. A careless moment might mean the death of scores of passengers or the destruction of much property. They deserve all the praise that can be given them. But there's another man hired by the railroad company whose duties place upon him equal responsibilities, and he's the man we seldom hear about because his work confines him to the obscurity of the railroad yards and you must go there to see him.

This man is the car inspector, and he is an interesting individual to watch. As soon as a freight or passenger train roll's into the yards he passes along the side of the cars, extending all the brake beams, wheels, rods, bolsters, etc., using no hammer, but only his well trained eyes, which quickly see a defect. Sometimes he will stop suddenly and follow the fault lines of a crack in a wheel. This is at once condemned and the car is laid aside till a new pair of wheels take the place of the old ones. A wheel is considered dangerous if it has a flat place which measures more than 2½ inches across, and is discarded. A sharp flange is another reason why a wheel must go. A coupling may be faulty or a brake appliance may be a little out of order; all these things must be looked after. Another important part of the car inspector's duty is an inspection of car doors. Defective and loose doors are dangerous things and are much dreaded by engineers and firemen, as many a man in the cab has met his death by crashing into a freight car door swinging in the wind as their train rushes past. The inspector must also watch the hopper-bottom dump cars. If the fastening gets loose and allows a load of limestone or ore down onto the track, there's a bad wreck as a consequence. So it will be seen that the car inspector is one of the railroad company's most important employes and efficiency in his line comes only through careful training and long experience.

Mr. George Bryan of 78 Perry street has invented a combination window lock and burglar alarm which seems to be quite an ingenious device.

SOVEREIGN REMEDIES

Conquer all pains and diseases that the flesh is heir to.

Not Built on Faith. Have Cured Thousands. Will Cure You.

Virtue gives true reputation.

A Separate Remedy for Each Disease.

CURES Rheumatism, Kidney Trouble, Coughs, Dyspepsia, Blood, Catarrh, Asthma, Heart, Liver, Diarrhœa, Grippe, General Debility, Malaria, Neuralgia.

Every Remedy 25c each

For Sale at All Druggists.

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a book full of valuable information Sent Free to any address.

If in doubt as to what remedy you should use, write us; it costs you nothing, and your case will have our careful attention.

SOVEREIGN REMEDY CO., Home Office 1237 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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A GROUP OF CHILDREN AT THE AYER HOME—See Page Six.

LABOR MEETINGS

Weavers' Union Has a Large Membership

TROUBLE OF BOOTT SPINNERS SETTLED

Building Laborers Discuss Eight Hour Law

A regular meeting of the weavers' union was held last night in Lamoureux' hall and was largely attended. A gold ring was presented to Miss Mary Boyers as a prize for having sold the largest number of tickets for the ball recently held by the union. She turned in over $20. Thomas F. Connolly, secretary of the union, made a neat presentation speech and complimented Miss Boyers on the interest she had shown in the welfare of the union. She made a fitting response. A vote of thanks was then extended the general committee for their efforts to make the affair a success.

The financial report showed a substantial gain in membership and in the funds on hand and it was agreed that the prospect for a greater degree of success was never so bright. Already there has begun a gradual increase in membership.

Notice was received from Lonsdale, R. I., that a strike of the weavers was on, caused by a dispute over the wage schedule. Mr. Connolly was called to a meeting of the executive council to be held in Lonsdale next Sunday but on account of having previously promised to speak at a rally at the First Congregational church he will be unable to go.

Word was received that arrangements are completed for the labor rally to be held in the hall occupied by the weavers Tuesday evening next. The speakers will be D. J. Morrow, Avila Crotien of New Bedford and James Tansy of Fall River. The doors will be opened at 7 and seats will be reserved for the ladies. In addition to the speech making there will be a musical program.

It was voted to charge an admission of ten cents to the weekly dances of the union to those who are not members of the union. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the anniversary ball to be given in Associate hall, January 15.

COTTON SPINNERS.

The Spinners union held a meeting last evening, at which much time was devoted to a discussion of the new by-laws. All were accepted and adopted as far as the one relating to the dues and that with those which followed was left over until the next meeting. A delegation of the Boott spinners reported that they had had a conference with the agent in relation to the young man recently discharged and from what he had told them they were led to the belief that the trouble will be settled to the satisfaction of all parties within a few days.

BUILDING LABORERS' UNION.

At the meeting of the Building Laborers' union held last night there was a lively discussion on the eight-hour law. Five candidates were admitted to membership. The opinion was expressed that next summer will be an opportune time to start a movement for the application of the eight-hour law to outside contracts on city work. The election of officers will occur in two weeks.

BERWIN'S NOTICE

WILL PAY HIS RESPECTS TO WOODS NEXT WEEK

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—At the meeting of the common council a week ago a letter was read in that body from Robert A. Woods, a member of the bath commission, in which he made severe reflections upon Aldermen Barry and Berwin, in an effort to get the board to concur with the board of aldermen in the passage of the Franklin fund order. The specific reference of Mr. Woods to Mr. Berwin was that he was engaged in selling land to the city while he said Mr. Barry was engaged in buying land for the city. Mr. Woods also said the aldermen were opposed to the Franklin fund scheme because they wanted to attach a rider to the order to buy a certain piece of land for a rifle range for the city. Alderman Berwin said:

"I give notice that at the next meeting I shall pay my respects to Robert A. Woods, a member of the bath commission and in advance. I desire to say to this board and to the mayor through you, Mr. Chairman, that after the statement I shall make concerning Mr. Woods' reflection upon myself, I shall demand of His Honor the Mayor the removal of this man from the office to which he was appointed with the approval of this board. If the mayor refuses to recognize the request I shall make of him after the statement I shall make, I shall endeavor through the members of the incoming board of aldermen to urge the removal of Mr. Woods by the incoming magistrate with whom I have some little personal relations."

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE MURPHY MEN

Bounced From Boston City Hall

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The political headsman, to all appearances, began his work at city hall yesterday, for P. M. Gray, a clerk in the water commissioners office, Charles T. Donnelly, purchasing agent, and James H. Deveraux, a messenger, were discharged because their services were no longer wanted. Their salaries totalled $1600. There were also suspended 26 inspectors in the street department. On the political aspect of the discharges, it is claimed that those men were active workers on the side of John R. Murphy in the recent city election.

SECOND CONVENTION

OF BROTHERHOOD OF M. E. CHURCHES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The second annual convention of the brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal church, was held here yesterday, the president Rev. Dr. T. B. Neely of Philadelphia presiding.

President Neely presented his annual report which showed that the brotherhood is in a flourishing condition.

A new constitution was adopted for the brotherhood and a new form of constitution was recommended for the local chapters.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Thomas B. Neely, Philadelphia; vice-president, Rev. A. B. Kendig, Boston; recording secretary, Rev. J. L. Atwell, Bennington, Vt.; corresponding secretary, Rev. W. W. Adams, Yalesville, Conn.; treasurer, James Davison, New York.

THE INCREASE

IN WAGES WILL NOT AFFECT ALL OPERATIVES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 15.—Only fifty of the 400 hands in the Barnaby Gingham mill in this city will receive the 10 per cent. granted cotton cloth operatives. The advance will not affect them because the prices for weaving at that mill are fixed at the beginning of the season. When the new makes are begun prices may be adjusted. Supt. Cook of the Kerr Thread mill is in New Jersey, where he will hold a consultation with the officials of the American Thread company relative to an advance of the wages of the 600 employes of the local thread mill.

CLASS DAY OFFICERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 15.—The elections for class day officers of the senior class at Harvard were held yesterday. The polls are open today for the election of the various committees. The officers elected are as follows: First marshal, W. A. M. Burden; second marshal, F. L. Higginson; third marshal, W. A. Boit; secretary, Spalding; orator, Bolling; poet, Arensberg; ivy orator, Seasons Good; chorister, Swain.

BIG FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 15.—A two-story wooden structure known as the Hall Block, at the corner of Main and Alfred streets was partly burned yesterday, causing a loss of about $8,000.

Catarrh.

Mr. B. P. McAllister, Harrodsburg, Ky., says: "I employed numerous methods of local treatment for a severe case of Catarrh, but the disease grew worse steadily, getting a firmer grip on me all the time. I finally realized that this treatment did not reach the disease, and decided to try Swift's Specific,

S.S.S. For The Blood

which promptly got at the seat of the trouble, and cured me permanently."

Catarrh is a blood disease and cannot be reached by sprays, inhaling mixtures, etc. S. S. S. is the only cure. Send for valuable books mailed free by Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

DAILY BARGAINS.

$100 UPRIGHT PIANO.

seven and one-third octaves. Used but little. Condition fine.

GEORGE A. GARDNER

20 PRESCOTT STREET.

PUTNAM & SON.

WHILE THIS IS NOT A WOMAN'S STORE, yet, for ten days a goodly share of our business will be done with women.

To deserve their patronage and to meet their holiday wants we've brought much here to attract them.

Acceptable, sensible articles that men and boys wish for and find useful.

Whatever we offer is good—and new and correct in fashion. Not an article to which exception can be taken by the husband, brother, son or father.

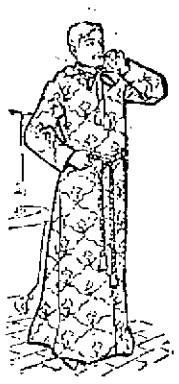
Let us remove one great element of hesitation "to buy" from the feminine mind—"Will it please him?" Make your selection, and if for any reason you'd rather return the goods, do so,—for exchange or for the price paid.

House coats and bath robes.

HOUSE COATS AND SMOKING JACKETS, a safe gift to a man—most every man enjoys a loose, comfortable garment after a hard day down town. Light weight woolen Coats and Tricots, brown and blue, finished plain or with satin piping, with satin collars and pockets, or lined throughout with quilted satins, for $6.95, $4.95 and **2.95**

HOUSE COATS AND JACKETS. The new two-toned effects, plain outside, plaided inside and plaid shown at collar and cuffs. Blue, brown, gray, tan and garnet mixtures; from $7.50 and as low as **4.95**

BATH WRAPS, ROBES, made from fancy flannels in neat dark effects or in gayer stripes and plaids, long, full, comfortable. Nothing handier 'round the house whether or not there's a baby to get you out of bed, $5.75, $3.95 and **2.95**



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An entirely new selection of umbrellas, not one of which has been shown before.

WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS, close roll, steel rod, paragon frame with silk cases and tassels. A recent purchase by which we obtained control of a large lot—all with handsome fancy handles—actual value $1.38, for only . . **98c**

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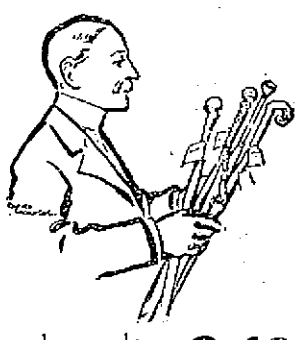

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PLAIN SERGE and Thibet mackintoshes, seams sewed and cemented; made to fit like our overcoats, properly. With cape and plain collar, $8.45, $6.75 and . . . **4.95**

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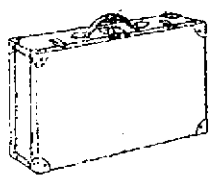
SOLE LEATHER CASES, genuine; not sheepskin. Steel frames, inside straps, linen lined, straps or brass fasteners outside. Worth today $6.00, for **4.95**



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SUN LATEST
FIVE O'CLOCK.

MAJOR PROCTOR

Gov. Elect Crane Names Lowell Man

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Governor-elect Crane has tendered the appointment of assistant quartermaster general on his military staff, with rank of major to Capt. Charles S. Proctor of Lowell.

A TEA SERVICE

Gift to Rev. T. S. Sayer and Family

A farewell reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Thomas E. Sayer and daughter Ethel last evening in the Immanuel Baptist church, Blossom street. They are to leave Lowell next Tuesday, Mr. Sayer having accepted a call to the People's Baptist church in Nantucket. His work in the new field begins Sunday, December 24. As an expression of love from the people to their retiring pastor, a beautiful silver tea service was presented. The gift came as a surprise to Rev. and Mrs. Sayer, who were much affected by this token of regard.

A program of singing and speaking was prepared as follows: Prayer, Rev. S. T. Ford; singing, by the choir; remarks, Rev. Bowley Green; duet, Misses Laura and Isabella Gillespie; remarks, Rev. Asa Reed Dilts; song, Mr. Robert Rodger; remarks, Rev. S. T. Ford; song, Mr. William Beaver; remarks, Rev. H. W. O. Millington; presentation, by Rev. Bowley Green; song, Mrs. William Leggat; reading of an original poem, "Farewell," Mrs. Leggat; benediction, Rev. S. T. Ford.

A WONDERFUL SCIENCE.

For a great many years the gypsies have demonstrated to the people of Europe and America the mysteries of palmistry. For the last few years it has been more popular than ever. Now we have Madam Mariani, a marvelous exponent of the art, come to Lowell to show us her winderful powers. She comes with numerous press notices, etc. This is Madame Mariani's second annual visit to Lowell. She created a great sensation here a year ago on Central street. Now she is in her parlors, 46 and 47 Bon Marche building, where a visit will repay your trouble. She is not confined to palmistry alone, but is an expert card reader, having practiced it for years. Her style is different from all others. Don't mistake the number, 47 Bon Marche building.

SMASHED FURNITURE

DRUNKEN MAN DOES DAMAGE IN SHATTUCK BLOCK.

Passersby on Prescott street were treated to some excitement in mid-air this afternoon when an article of crockery ware came shooting through a rear window on the top floor of the Shattuck block, breaking into fragments on the pavement below and of course carrying the glass with it. Following it, a rocking chair came half way through the window but on account of its ponderous size remained caught to the sash.

The police went up immediately and Officer J. B. Crowley found a man named Jeremiah Burke in the room in an intoxicated condition while the furniture and fixtures appeared to have been struck by a cyclone. Burke was arrested.

REFUSE TO ENLIST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VALEJO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Sixty recruits of the United States training ship Hartford have refused to sign articles of enlistment, because, as they claim, the government charges them with the cost of their uniforms and clothes.

Get your money's worth by buying your Coal of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike St.

THREE BRISK FIRES

Department Had Three Long Runs

BARN ON EMERY FARM DESTROYED

Small Blaze in a Charles Street Block

There were three fires yesterday, one in the afternoon and two in the evening.

About 5.04 o'clock, boxes 18 and 82 were sounded almost simultaneously for a slight blaze in the house of Ezra Smith in Bellevue street. Mrs. Smith was lighting the gas jets in the different rooms of the house with a lighter and as she passed from one room to another, the draperies on one of the windows caught fire from the lighter. The draperies were completely destroyed, some of the woodwork was scorched and there was also some damage to the furniture.

The department was called out again about 6.50 by an alarm from box 75. It was for a fire in a barn on the old Emery farm and situated directly in the rear of Charles W. Mevis' house, superintendent of the farm. This proved to be the most destructive fire of the day. The blaze had gained considerable headway before the firemen arrived and it looked for a time as though the flames would spread to the house, but the firemen prevented this though they found it impossible to save the barn, which was completely gutted. The building was stocked with cord wood and also contained some old furniture. The blaze is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

The third alarm was from box 35 at 7.50, being occasioned by a small fire in the tenement of P. A. Golden in McEvoy's block on Charles street. The fire started in a pile of oily waste in the woodbox and was probably caused by a match being thrown into it. The blaze was extinguished before it had done much damage.

ARCHER A BANKRUPT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Dan. W. Archer, a broker, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District court. His liabilities are placed at $137,297 and assets at $15,000 consisting of property in Council Bluffs, Ia. Among the principal creditors are: New Hampshire Banking company of Nashua, N. H., $18,048; Keene Five Cent Savings bank, Keene, N. H., $8,000

ALLEGED FIREBUG

WERE ARRESTED BY THE CHELSEA POLICE YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Yesterday afternoon, William A. Bills, 30, living at 21 Shawmut street, and Fred H. McArdle, 21, living at 17 Orange street, Chelsea were arrested at the Chelsea police station by Acting Sergeant Tucker and Patrolman O'Neil on a charge of setting fire to the building at the corner of 5th and Spruce streets, Chelsea.

The two men are partners and conducted a leather heel manufactury in the building. The fire occurred there the first day of the month. The firemen found that the fire started in a pile of leather scraps in the portion occupied by the two men. Since then the fire has been investigated by the fire marshal's department and the case is now in charge of Deputy State Fire Marshal Morrison.

Both young men are well known in Chelsea. They are members of the Mt. Bellingham M. E. church. Mr. Bills is married and the engagement of Mr. McArdle was recently announced.

THE WEATHER

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: fair weather tonight and Saturday; decidedly colder; west winds.

NO GOOD NEWS YET

To Dispel the Gloom That Hangs Over all England

Report of Several Other Engagements Received—Capt. Bradshaw Killed Leading His Men—Battle in Which 2000 Were Lost

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following dispatch:

From the officer commanding at Orange river, Thursday, Dec. 14:

Yesterday part of the mounted infantry under Captain Bradshaw and the Yorkshires and Lancashire Guards under Lieut. MacFarlane, patrolled in the direction of Ramah and Zoutspan Drift, about 10 miles east of the Orange river, to reconnoiter and to report the strength of the enemy reported to be holding the drift. The mounted infantry found a strong detachment of the enemy at the drift and a sharp engagement ensued. The enemy ultimately retreated to Gremansberg.

Captain Bradshaw and three men were killed; Lieut. Gregson of the East Kents, and seven men were wounded. The Boers had five men killed and several wounded."

ARTILLERY DUEL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FRERE CAMP, Wednesday, Dec. 15, noon. The expected artillery duel between the British and Boer forces did not come off Wednesday. The British bombarded positions around Colenso, but the Boers did not reply.

BRITISH LOSS OF 2,000

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—The following official announcement has been made:

"General Cronje reports that yesterday there was desultory fighting until six, when heavy cannon fire was resumed. The Scandinavians stormed a difficult position but it became untenable and they suffered severely. I was unable to send help. The British were in overwhelming force but must have had at least 2,000 men put out of action either in killed or wounded."

Another official report from Finnhart says:

"There were no signs of surrender, the burghers fighting with conspicuous bravery and maintaining their positions under heavy British fire. Our cannon were of very little use."

REPORT OF VICTORY UNCONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 4.45 a. m.—The war office is still without news from Ladysmith other than that already published. The general belief is that the large Boer forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magersfontein were partly drawn from Natal and that General Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return.

The newspapers are calling upon the government to employ the Cunarders as well as the White Star steamers as transports, seeing the urgent necessity of getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand men could still be sent from England without calling upon the militia for foreign service.

The greatest need, however, is speedy transports.

Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Cape Town yesterday, will possibly join Lord Methuen and take command of the combined forces.

The Daily Chronicle's Modder River dispatch, which is at variance with all the other reports, represent Lord Methuen's forces as retiring Tuesday on the camp at Modder River, as the result of renewed artillery firing that day. The correspondent says: "Tuesday forenoon the Boers brought heavy guns into action. The British artillery replied, but failed to silence them. Lord Methuen thereupon withdrew his force out of range and concentrated at Modder River."

BURYING THEIR DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 15.—Ambulances started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce, to collect the wounded and bury the dead who fell at Magersfontein Brig. Gen. Wauchope, who led the Highland brigade, was found dead near the trenches shot in the chest and thigh. A few wounded were found near the trenches. Several wounded Boers were taken to the British hospital.

The side of the hill and the immediate neighborhood of the Boer trenches showed dead bodies all about. One wounded Boer informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that their loss was terrible. The whole Scandinavian contingent was destroyed. Judging from information gleaned from the Boer wounded and from prisoners taken in different parts of the field, the Boer losses must exceed 700. The destruction wrought by the naval guns was enormous.

Word was passed along the Boer lines to prepare to retreat at nightfall. All confess that it was their greatest loss during the war.

The British troops have returned to Modder River, owing to the lack of water near the position held yesterday.

ARTILLERY DUEL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FRERE CAMP, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Firing can be heard this morning in the direction of Colenso and an artillery duel is expected today.

THE LOYALISTS DISCOURAGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—"Lord Methuen's check, following General Gatacre's repulse," says the Capetown correspondent of the Daily News "has had a most depressing effect upon the loyalists who are by no means a growing body. They are filled with dark forebodings. Dutch disaffection is rapidly growing. A large section is restless and would need but little persuasion to join the Boers. "There are many disturbing reports from the eastern districts of Cape Colony, where many secret meetings have been held. The imperial authorities are arming the loyal farmers in the Stutterheim and Keiroad districts."

The correspondent of the Standard at Modder River, describing the fight with Magersfontein, says:

"Six miles had to be covered before the Highlanders could reach the Boer stronghold. It is not yet clear through what mischance the force which was led by guides, came upon the Boer trenches so unexpectedly and so suddenly.

"Beyond question the Boers were aware of the approach of the British and had prepared to receive them. According to the version two Highlanders through nervousness or clumsiness discharged their rifles prematurely but it is equally probable that the advance Boers scouts got the intelligence.

"Our men were totally unprepared, they had not even fixed bayonets. The disaster was all the more exasperating because of the consciousness that, had the brigade been extended and with bayonets fixed, the trenches might have been skirmished with far less sacrifice of life."

ANOTHER COSTLY SKIRMISH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Forestier-Walker at Cape Town. "General French wires, under date of December 13, reporting a skirmish at 4 o'clock in the morning, with 190 Boers who were advancing southward toward Naauwpoort. The skirmishing continued all the morning, the Boers fighting on a front of fourteen miles. The enemy retired with a loss of forty killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed, seven wounded, including one officer and two missing.

DEATHS.

DINLEY—Thomas Dinley, aged 31 years and a well known citizen of Dracut, died early this morning at his home in Dinley street at the navy yard after a brief illness. He is the third victim of the typhoid epidemic that has been raging in Collinsville, he having contracted the disease while employed in the mill there. His early and sudden demise is a grievous blow to his family and large circle of friends. The deceased was a young man of exemplary character, correct habits and of a bright and genial disposition and had the friendship of many acquaintances. He has been a lifelong resident of Dracut and was well known throughout the town. He was a devoted husband and kind father. Deceased is survived by a wife and two children, Walter and Ellen, a father, Hugh Dinley, and three brothers, Michael and James of the navy yard and Frank of Penacook, N. H. The funeral will take place from the late home of the deceased Sunday afternoon.

FUNERALS.

McNABB—The remains of Catherine McNabb arrived here this morning from Baltimore, Md., and the funeral took place at 9 o'clock from the northern depot. Rev. William D. Joyce, O. M. I., conducted services at the grave in the Catholic cemetery and the bearers were Patrick Teague, Constantine O'Donnell, James Owens, Michael McQuade, John McSorley and Frank King. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell. Among the out of town people present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McElroy of Baltimore and Mr. and Mrs. John Bannigan of Providence.

GALLAGHER—The funeral of Sabina Gallagher, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from 9 Whiting street and was largely attended. The bearers were Patrick Murphy, Patrick Boyle, Dennis Boyle, John Rabbitt, John Martin and Michael McDonough. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell.

BUYING UP WOOL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—For two weeks past representatives of eastern wool firms, principally from Boston, have been canvassing the wool growing sections of the state in an effort to buy up next year's clip. In the Ranier reserve district advances have been offered at a full price when delivered next summer of from 17 to 20 cents per pound. The cause assigned for offering to buy in advance is that heavy orders have been received by the house represented for delivery next fall, and to make sure of a supply all the crops possible are now being secured.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

WAS SENT TO JAIL

Young Man Charged With Assault and Battery

ON DRIVER FRED L. DAVIS

A Couple Held For Adultery

Only one drunk apeared in the police court before Judge Hadley this morning. Thomas F. Fahey was the unfortunate. He is an old-timer, and was sentenced to the state farm at Bridgewater. He appealed and was held in $200 for the superior court.

John Sweet and Winifred Redigan were charged with adultery. Both pleaded not guilty, but the court found otherwise, and they were held for the superior court, Redigan in the sum of $400, and Sweet in $300. The Redigan woman is known to be a bad character, and is no stranger to the police. She is a married woman, but her husband is in England, where he has been for four years.

Herbert Evans was charged with drunkenness, and on two counts with assault and battery on Driver Fred L. Davis of the patrol wagon and Carrie S. Jones. The defendant pleaded guilty to all three charges.

The trouble occurred Monday night at Mrs. Jones' house in Carpet Lane, where Evans boarded. He came home intoxicated and assaulted Mrs. Jones. The latter sent her little daughter to Mrs. Davis's house, which is not far away, and he came back with the girl. When Davis got to the Jones' house, he asked what the trouble was. Mrs. Jones told him that Evans had assaulted her and Mr. Davis thereupon ordered him to leave the house. He said he would and started for the door. He turned around suddenly and struck the driver in the eye, stunning him for a time. Davis was caught unprepared, but he grabbed the defendant and a tussle ensued. The patrol wagon driver got the best of his man and brought him to submission. The defendant then asked Davis to let him get his pipe which he said was on the table. Davis did so, but instead of getting the pipe, Evans blew out the light and grabbing a bottle of alcohol from the table threw it at Davis. It struck him in the hand, cutting it badly. Davis went after him again and soon got the best of him and then sent him to the station.

The defendant had nothing to say in explanation. He has a police record. He was sentenced to jail, two months for assault on Mrs. Jones, five months for assault on Mr. Davis and eight days for drunkenness.

The case of William McClure of Chelmsford charged with illegal keeping of liquor was continued till Friday next for trial.

Samuel Cohen was charged with the larceny of a cow from Cyrus E. Allen of Dunstable. When the case was called, Cohen was not in court, nor was his counsel, John J. Harvey, Esq. A representative of Mr. Harvey was present, however, and requested a continuance, which the court granted.

The case was put over until Wednesday next for trial. D. J. Donahue, Esq. appears for the government in this case.

Narcisse Morin pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny. He was charged with stealing $11 from D. Dimodana. The court imposed a fine of $16.

Th continued case of Herbert Hazelton of Dracut, charged with illegal keeping of liquor, was next brought up for trial. Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., appeared for the defendant and John J. Hogan, Esq., for the town of Dracut.

Officer Crawford of Dracut was the first witness for the government. His testimony in detail was that Dec. 2d, he visited the defendant's cottage in Kenwood and found five bottles of lager on the table, a bottle of whiskey in the sitting room, four lager bottles in a dress suit case, a bottle of lager in the front hall and one in the parlor. He went down in the cellar and found ten empty beer kegs, and about one hundred empty whiskey bottles. And, also, sixteen glasses and thirty-three empty lager bottles.

Witness said he started to watch the place on the first of September. On the third day of September he watched the place for an hour and a half, in company with Officer Robinson, and saw a drunken man come out of the house. On this night witness said that he did not see Mr. and Mrs. Hazelton around the house. Officer Crawford also visited the house a number of times prior to the day of the seizure.

Fred P. Vinal, a special officer of the town of Dracut, was next placed on the stand. He testified to knowing the defendant, but did not know whether he lived there or not. He was in company with the other officers on the night of the seizure and saw five bottles partly full on the table, where some men were playing cards.

On cross-examination, witness said he saw lights in the house at all hours of the night, and one night in June he saw defendant get off the car in an intoxicated condition.

George F. Tucker, an officer of Dracut, testified to going to the house in question on the night of the seizure. He, also, made previous visits to the house. Witness corroborated the statement of Officer Crawford, in regard to the finding of the liquor.

Andrew M. Robinson, residing at the Brookside farm and a special officer of the town, said to his knowledge, Mr. Hazelton resided in Dracut for two years. Three weeks ago, witness said he saw a wagon load of goods leaving the house which he considered was household furniture.

Jesse Richardson, a town office of Dracut, testified to not knowing the defendant in the case, but was one of the officers who made the seizure and corroborated the statements of the previous witnesses.

The government here rested the case.

Mr. Donahue, at this point, raised the argument that there was not sufficient evidence given by the government to have defendant give an explanation why the liquor was there and for what purpose.

His honor thought that there was enough of evidence to continue the case, and it, therefore, proceeded.

Herbert Hazelton, the defendant in the case, was next placed on the stand. He testified to living at 11 Livermore street, Lowell, for the last five years, and that he never owned any of the liquor that was found there. The liquor, he testified, was brought by different people from Lawrence. Defendant said he had not ben to the house in question over a half dozen times during the last three months. The empty bottles, defendant said, were got out of the river by a boy in defendant's employ.

On cross-examination by Lawyer Hogan, defendant said he owned the land and house and let any of the persons who helped him to build the house use it at any time they wished to do so, by leaving the key outside of the front door on the piazza. He testified to sleeping at the house two or three times during the summer season.

Defendant said most of the kegs of lager were sent by an M. T. Mack of Lowell. In regard to the whiskey found, he knew nothing about it. He testified to seeing the lager beer on the night of the seizure, it being there before he left for Lowell. The glasses, he testified, also belonged to another party. Defendant testified to bringing four kegs of beer in a canoe at different times, up the river from Lawrence.

Mrs. Hazleton, wife of the defendant testified to going down to the house often often, but never saw any liquor drank or sold on the premises.

Mr. Hazleton was recalled and said he arranged with the men in Lawrence to come into court and testify in his behalf, and the men had promised to come. He issued a subpoena and gave it to a constable to serve, them.

His Honor in summing up the evidence, found defendant guilty and ordered him to pay a fine of $75. Defendant, through his counsel, appealed to the superior court and was held in $300 bonds.

MATRIMONIAL.

GURNEY—JAQUES.

Mr. George H. Gurney, bookkeeper in the Traders' National bank, and Miss Grace Jaques of Dracut were married Wednesday evening by Rev. Smith Thomas Ford, at his residence in School street. Mr. Ernest Warren and Miss Grace McGilvery were best man and bridesmaid.

After the marriage a reception was held at the home of Mr. Frank Lawrence in Appleton street, for immediate friends only.

SEVERE GALE

MAKING HEAVY WORK FOR VESSELS OFF CHATHAM.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHATHAM, Mass., Dec. 15.—A severe northeast gale set in here early this morning, and is making heavy work for vessels off shore. Pollock Rip Shoal is one mass of breakers, and it will be extremely dangerous for any vessels to pass there. Considerable anxiety is felt for a tug and two barges which passed down at 9 o'clock this morning. They are experiencing the storm in full force and were making bad weather of it. A steamer of the Baltimore line passed at 10.30 running rapidly before the wind, while many vessels are lying to. The schooners J. Frank Seavey and Harry C. Miles, with about a dozen others, have gone into Provincetown. The storm is apparently increasing, but the indications are that the wind will sheer to the west and go down with the sun.

IRON WORKS SOLD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRIDGEWATER, Mass., Dec. 15.—It is announced at the plant of the Bridgewater Iron Works company, which comprises 15 acres of lands and 12 buildings containing a floor space of 100,000 square feet, had been sold to the Stanley Iron Works of New Britain, Conn. The plant is equipped with modern machinery. J. H. Stetson, the present manager, will remain. The price paid is not given out.

PENSION CHANGES.

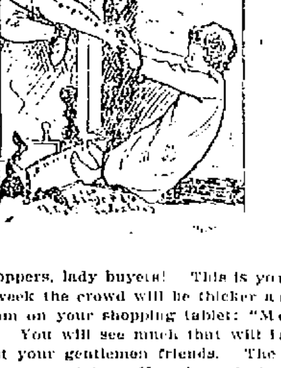
By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The following Massachusetts pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 1, are announced:

Original—Aaron C. Joseph, New Bedford, $6; Leonard Thompson, Lowell, $6; Clarence A. Brackett, Chelsea, $6; Michael Crahan, Roxbury, $6.

Increase—George P. Scharff, Charlestown, $12 to $14.

Original, Widows, etc.—(Special accrued Dec. 4), Jane Berry, Attleboro, $8.



A TIMELY TIP.

"Fashion Corner has the modes for men."

A WHISPERED WARNING.

"Don't buy me the Santa Claus Neckwear of the dry goods store."

Shoppers, lady buyers! This is your reception week at Fashion Corner. Next week the crowd will be thicker and the stock thinner. Put this memorandum on your shopping tablet: "Merrimack Clothing Co., opposite City Hall." You will see much that will interest you personally, more than will interest your gentlemen friends. The strong light makes our display of rich silks a pretty sight. Here is exclusiveness waiting for you that is not seen elsewhere. Men about town are familiar with our up-to-date furnishing and any substitute purchased at a dry goods store will suffer in comparison. Reserve a full hour for a thorough inspection.

Neckwear.

A bright new stock of novel and staple neckwear in the latest designs. A windowful and a storeful—the largest stock we've ever shown.

Our great strength is in the 50 cent line, but a good variety is shown for selection at 25 cents.

The most elegant styles in rich satins and beautiful silks are $1.00 and $1.25.

Ladies' Neckwear

We have some exceptionally attractive styles in ladies' plain and embroidered scarfs, imperials and squares at from $1.00 to $1.50.

Xmas Suspenders

New and handsome designs and colorings in gentlemen's holiday braces.

These are elegantly mounted.

Also new novelties in arm elastics and hose supporters.

Mufflers.

Silk or cashmere.

Umbrellas.

Sizes suitable for both sexes. Handles in the natural wood, sterling silver trimmed, horn and Dresden ware. Fine silk, taffeta and union cloths.

Gloves.

Wool lined, silk lined, lamb-skin lined or unlined. Kid, mocha, suede or fur. The kind he wears is in our stock. Gloves for driving, dress or any purpose for which gloves are made.

Handkerchiefs.

Silk or linen, plain or initialed. A great stock.

Suit Cases.

At less than trunk store prices and a larger variety.

Dress Shields.

Some very swell styles which are entirely new.

SWEATERS AND WESCUTS

For men and boys, the latest color combinations.

MERRIMACK CLOTHING COMPANY.

Opposite City Hall.

Cook, Taylor & Co.

CENTRAL STREET STORE.

Useful Christmas Presents

AT OUR

Ready-Made Garment Department

JACKETS

We have gone through our stock and cut prices down. You can get a bargain now. Why wait?

Jackets at $2.75 that were $5.00.

Jackets at $2.98, $3.98 and $4.49, all reduced.

Jackets at $5.98, $7.98 and $10.00.

The last two lots are especially good, consisting of Jackets that sold from $12.50 to $18.00.

FURS

A handsome Fur piece makes a good present. There are Scarfs and Storm Collars, Boas and Muffs and fine Jackets.

You will find our prices right on these goods.

FURS

Scarfs from $1.25 up.

Storm Collars from $2.75 up.

Jackets from $12.92 up.

And right here let us call attention to our elegant line of Near Seal Jackets, the best to be had, at $32.50 and $40.00.

SEPARATE SKIRTS

We are always a little ahead with our Skirt Styles. Now we are showing Skirts with box plaited backs, single and double, one and two plaits, also skirts trimmed in front with silk applique. Prices are low, quality considered. We also have a large line of Plain and Tunic Skirts, also Plaids, etc.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Money deposited Wednesday Jan. 3, or before in our savings department will draw interest from Jan. 1st at rate of 4 per cent. per annum. Compounded semi-annually.

TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK

30-46 Mid'sex St. 11 P. O. ave.

Ladies' Entrance, 42 to 46 Middlesex Street.

ENOCH PERKINS & SON'S

E. P. S. CIGARS.

Smokers will find them A1 quality. JOHN F. BUCKLEY, City Salesman, with Bartlett & Buckley.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of prayer books, pearl rosaries, cases, sanctuary lamps, statues, pictures and many other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street, opposite post-office. Picture framing done at low prices. New patterns.

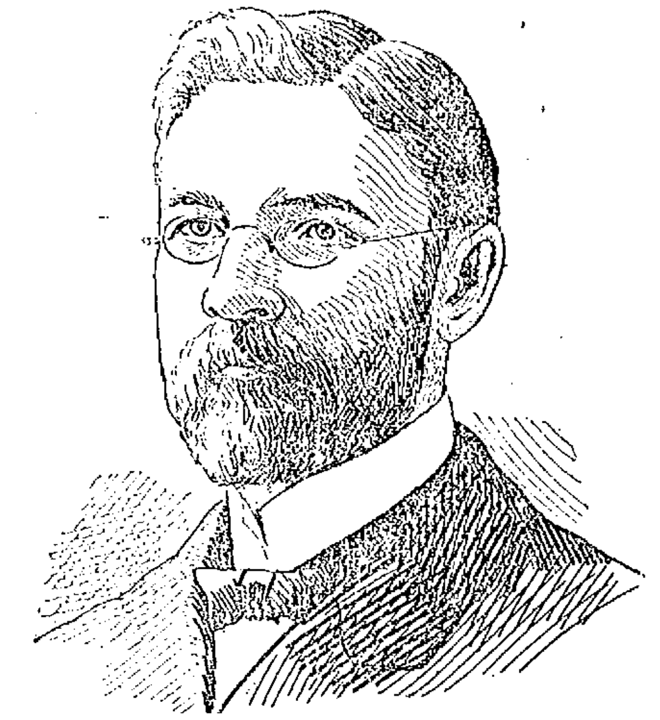
Christmas Drafts

Payable in every town in England, Ireland and Scotland, free of discount. Passage tickets at lowest rates.

J. F. O'Donnell's Steamship Agency, 324 Market St., Cor. Worthen.

THE SUN LATEST!

5 O'CLOCK



W. HOLT APGAR, SUPREME REGENT ROYAL ARCANUM, WHO VISITED LOWELL COUNCIL AT ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE LAST NIGHT.

SUPREME REGENT

Of Royal Arcanum the Guest of Lowell Council

AT RECEPTION IN ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE

Interesting Address on Benefits of Order

The Arcanumites were out in force last evening when Lowell Council, No. 8, tendered a reception to Supreme Regent of the United States W. Holt Apgar of Trenton N. J., and District Deputy John A. Currier of Boston. The supreme vice regent J. A. Langfitt and the supreme orator, A. S. Robinson, were expected to be present but they were unavoidably detained. The Apollo quartet, Messrs. Wirt, Burns, Foster and Sturtevant enlivened the affair with several well rendered selections and Fay H. Martin, regent of Lowell Council, presided.

The affair was pleasantly informal, and the ushers at the reception were Messrs. A. B. Merrill, Fred B. Brannan and F. X. A. Hurtubise.

During the evening, addresses were made by the guests.

District Deputy Grand Regent John A. Currier was introduced as "Our John." He said in the course of an interesting address: "I am glad to learn of the success of Lowell council, Royal Arcanum and I hope that the coming year will be attended by even better results. In Buffalo recently, 92 were gathered in and while we may not expect such a pronounced success, we must not give up our work in the direction of getting new members. Lowell is one of the best cities in New England for the Royal Arcanum and she cannot afford to have her record in this respect superseded by any other city."

Supreme Regent Hon. W. Holt Apgar of Trenton, N. J. was given three rousing cheers when he stepped forward to speak. In part he said:

"I am sure that this city with one thousand members speaks well for the work done by Past Regents Burbank, David and Walsh. In Trenton we have only 700, but the percentage is the same, as our population is less. The membership of the Royal Arcanum today is 191,959. Why was it organized? Life insurance seemed to have been created for people of money and the Royal Arcanum was established for the man of ordinary means. It was a protest against prohibitory rates of insurance and as such it represented the other extreme. When our nine brothers in Boston started the organization they presented an entirely new schedule of rates. We have now nearly 200,000 members and have distributed $54,000,000. There is being paid out $10,000 every day in the United States and Canada.

"People say we are too cheap to live and that such low rates will make our perpetuity impossible. There is no company in existence today that gives to its members so complete a financial statement each month as the Royal Arcanum. It is perfectly solvent. We have a constantly growing emergency fund and it will soon reach $500,000. We have at present $734,174.95 in this fund. We have over $500,000 in the Widow's and Orphans' Benefit fund and we would have as much more if we omitted as liabilities statements that other organizations omit. Every death is represented in the statement of liabilities whether officially or semi-officially reported. As long as the death claims are paid there are no grounds upon which a court could declare an organization insolvent. By official report of deaths I mean where full proofs of death are sent in to the secretary and by 'semi-official' I mean simple reports of deaths, some of which do not mature into legal claims for months and some of them never.

"We have made the Arcanum stronger and better. The strong point of any insurance organization is that its emergency fund shows a growth every year. Be suspicious of an organization that cannot show a condition of this kind. The insurance companies have to contend with more in the line of expenses than we have. They have among other things agents and advertising to pay for, while our treasury is not affected in this way. The dues take care of all our expenses. The Royal Arcanum is safe today, it will be safe tomorrow and 20 years from now.

"Will the rates have to be changed? They will not if we have each year a normal increase. I would rather see a normal increase than a boom growth, because fewer members would leave it. We haven't a mushroom growth, but are composed of men who have an abiding sense of the essentials which are necessary for the permanency of the organization. I would not say that a raise in rates is not a development of the future and if it is found necessary it will not in the least affect our success.

"We have had a remarkable growth this year. Up to December 1 of this year we have had a record of 2700 new members. By May 1, 1900, we hope to have a total of 20,000 members. This will mean the necessity of 5041 new members. I believe that we will increase the strength of the emergency fund to $1,000,000 by May 1."

Leather Toilet Traveling Cases. Devine's, 88 Merrimack St.

PRICES ADVANCED

OF THE HOSIERY PRODUCT OF SOUTHERN MILLS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 15.—The Southern Association of Hosiery Manufacturers was organized in this city yesterday at a convention of hosiery mill men representing the larger interests of that line in the south. V. Ballard of Durham, N. C., was chosen president. The executive committee will report on constitution and bylaws at an adjourned meeting to be held in Atlanta, Ga., the second Thursday in January. Before the adjournment, an agreement was reached advancing the price of the hosiery product of the mills representing ten per cent, to go into effect January 1.

STRIKE ORDERED

Pressmen and Feeders in Boston

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Several hundred junior pressmen, press feeders and helpers of Boston and vicinity go on strike today for an advance of weekly wage from $10 to $12.

About 150 others are not affected, having been granted an increase by 14 firms, or being employed by several of the larger firms which have been paying the schedule for some time past.

The men are all members of Franklin association 18, and the trouble which culminated in the strike vote last night has been brewing for some time.

For over a month the officers of the association have been endeavoring to bring about an adjustment of the matter and an acceptance of the scale without recording to a strike.

The firms who yesterday agreed to pay the new scale are: Ginn & Co., Forbes lithograph company, Washington press, Nichols, Lounsbury & Worth, Spring Lane press, Eastern specialty company, Sparrell print, Charles H. Heintzman, Puffett press, Thomas J. M. Smith and Cooperative Press.

EXCHANGE COURTESIES

MAYOR CROWLEY AND SENATOR PUTNAM WRITE.

The following letters, exchanged by the two candidates for mayor, mark the close of the contest that terminated on Tuesday:

Hon. Jeremiah Crowley:

My Dear Sir—Allow me to congratulate you on your victory. I did the best I could to be elected, but the people have spoken, and I gladly submit to their decision. I trust and hope you will have a year of health, and that all will join in doing what they can to make your administration the best for the people.

Very respectfully yours,
GEO. E. PUTNAM.

Lowell, Dec. 13.

Hon. George E. Putnam:

Dear Sir—Your note of congratulation came duly to hand, for which I am sincerely thankful to you, and let me say that I fairly and decently stated my case to the fair-minded people of Lowell; they, after hearing all the evidence, have rendered their verdict. For my sake I am pleased; for you I am sorry for your disappointment.

Respectfully yours,
JEREMIAH CROWLEY.

Lowell, Dec. 14.

1900 Dress Suit Cases from $2.50 to $20.00 at Devine's, 85 Merrimack St.

Tonight

Just before retiring, if your liver is sluggish, out of tune and you feel dull, bilious, constipated, take a dose of

Hood's Pills

And you'll be all right in the morning.

FIRE BURNS WORKS

Of Welch Clock Mfg. Company

AT BRISTOL, CONN., LAST NIGHT

The Loss Will Reach or Exceed $125,000

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRISTOL, Conn., Dec. 15.—The Case Manufacturing building of the E. N. Welch Clock Manufacturing company was totally destroyed by fire last night causing a loss of $125,000; insurance is about $100,000.

The burned building was filled with clock cases in all stages of construction and much material. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have originated in the boiler room adjoining the main building. The "movement" shop was destroyed last April, entailing a loss of $60,000, but a new shop has just been completed. Last night's fire will necessitate a suspension of the entire business until a new factory can be built. More than 300 hands are thrown out of employment.

BIG MASS MEETING

Of Anti-Imperialists at Philadelphia

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED CONDEMNING POLICY

Of Getting Into Entangling Foreign Complications

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—An anti-imperialistic mass meeting of the American league of Philadelphia was held last night. Prominent among the speakers were Congressmen John J. Lentz of Ohio and Charles A. Towne of Minnesota. George Mercer president of the Philadelphia league, made the opening address. A number of Philadelphia clergymen spoke and letters of regret were read from ex-Senator George F. Edmunds and Senator George F. Hoar. Senator Hoar in his letter said: "Terrible mischief has already been accomplished through the blunder of last winter's treaty. But it is not too late to retrace our steps. Congress has not yet committed itself to the policy of imperialism. Still less are the American people so committed."

Resolutions were adopted commending to the people and particularly those in power the warning of the revolutionary fathers against entangling alliances and advocating an independent government in Cuba and the Philippines.

BY CIRCULAR SAW

C. M. Boyce Twice Badly Wounded

Twice against the same circular saw in one week is the painful record of C. M. Boyce, a cabinet maker employed by Marshall & Crosby, corner of Branch and School streets. Early in the week, he had the top of his thumb taken off by contact with the business end of the saw. Yesterday while at work, and trying to favor the wounded thumb he had three of his fingers badly lacerated. His attending physician believes that the fingers can be saved although it was thought at first that amputation would be necessary.

PROCTOR NAMED

For the Staff of Gov-Elect Crane

THE POPULAR CHAS. S. PROCTOR

Well Known in Business and Military Circles

It is reported unofficially that Gov.-Elect Crane has chosen Captain Chas. S. Proctor of this city as a member of his staff and we shall henceforth address him as "Colonel."

The news will be received with general satisfaction by the many friends of Capt. Proctor and the governor is to be congratulated for the excellent judgment displayed.

Lowell has not had a member of the staff since Colonels Parker and Walsh served under Governor Greenhalge.

BURNED TO DEATH

THREE LOST THEIR LIVES IN A FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Three persons were burned to death and one seriously injured at a fire early this morning in a tenement in the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn.

The dead are Mrs. Goscher, Mrs. Susan Frayth and Luke Freer.

Mrs. Luke Freer jumped from the second story and broke her legs. She was otherwise seriously injured.

AGAINST MYERS

Combination Against His Candidacy

FOR THE SPEAKERSHIP OF HOUSE

His Record Severely Criticized by Speakers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Sixty-three members of the incoming house of representatives and supporters of three of the four leading candidates for the speakership of the new house attended a dinner and conference at the Quincy House this afternoon, called for the avowed purpose of formulating a joint plan of opposition to the fourth candidate, Mr. James J. Myers of Cambridge.

No attempt was made at the meeting to form a combination on any one of the three candidates, in fact, each one of those present was loyal to his particular favorite and confident of his election. Hon. William Schofield of Malden presided and all three of the candidates, Frank P. Bennett of Saugus, Silas D. Reed of Taunton, and Charles Saunders of Boston, were present and spoke, while remarks were made by several of the leading supporters of the three gentlemen.

All the speeches, directly or indirectly criticise the party record of Mr. Myers and at the conclusion of the meeting resolutions were adopted while favoring none of the candidates present, still protested against the election of any candidate not known to be an unswerving supporter of the national administration and a loyal republican.

It was stated at the meeting that 97 of the 165 republican members of the house, had responded to the invitation to attend the dinner, all expressing sympathy with the meeting.

It was voted as the sense of the meeting that the republican caucus should be held on Tuesday, January 2, the day previous to the opening of the legislature at 11 a. m.

LOWELLITE ARRESTED

ARRESTED FOR LARCENY FROM LAWRENCE BOOTBLACK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 15.—Alfred Berreau of Lowell is under arrest charged with the larceny of $2 from Louis L. Lamb, the bootblack. The alleged larceny in this instance however seems to be somewhat of an attempted game of flim-flam.

It seems that yesterday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock Berreau went to Lamb's shoe blacking place on Essex near Amesbury street and had his shoes shined. The charge was 10 cents and he gave Lamb a $2 bill in payment. Lamb put the bill in his mouth and then proceeded to make the change for Berreau. He gave the latter a $1 bill and 90 cents and then took the $2 bill from his mouth and gave it also to Berreau.

The two men then got talking and it suddenly occurred to Lamb that he had made a mistake and had given Berreau $2 too much. He intimated to his customer that he wanted the $2 back. Berreau is alleged to have replied that since the money had been given to him it would take a bigger man than Lamb to get it back. The latter said he would call a policeman if Berreau did not give up the money. The latter made no move to give up the "stuff" and Lamb went in search of a policeman. He soon found Policeman Hayes and they returned to the shop, but Berreau had fled, taking the money with him. Then a search was made for him and he was soon located in a saloon on Hampshire street. He denied to Policeman Hayes that he took the money but at the station, whither he was taken, he admitted that he took the money and it was found on him. He claimed he took it only for a joke.

TEETOTALERS ELECT.

The St. John's Total Abstinence society of North Chelmsford met last night and elected the following officers: President, James J. O'Connell; vice president, James J. Barrett; clerk, S. W. Ward; financial secretary, James F. Leahey; treasurer, James P. Quigley; auditor, Thomas Johnson; trustees, John McMennon, Dennis McCluskey, Patrick McMahon, Michael Connelly, and Thomas Larkin; spiritual director, Rev. John J. Shaw.

SPEAKER HENDERSON'S THANKS

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 15.—Speaker Henderson has sent to Hyde Park Post, G. A. R., of which he is a member, a letter acknowledging the receipt of a floral gift, in which he says: "When I found my dear old comrades, so far away, suddenly so near me with a testimonial of their affection, I put it very mildly when I say my heart was full. Boys, you do not know how much I appreciate the act. I felt somehow as though you were all by my side sustaining me in grave responsibilities by which I was surrounded. Permit me, therefore, to thank you, not in a formal way, but with profound sincere affection to every member of the post."

FARMER'S HOUSE WARMED.

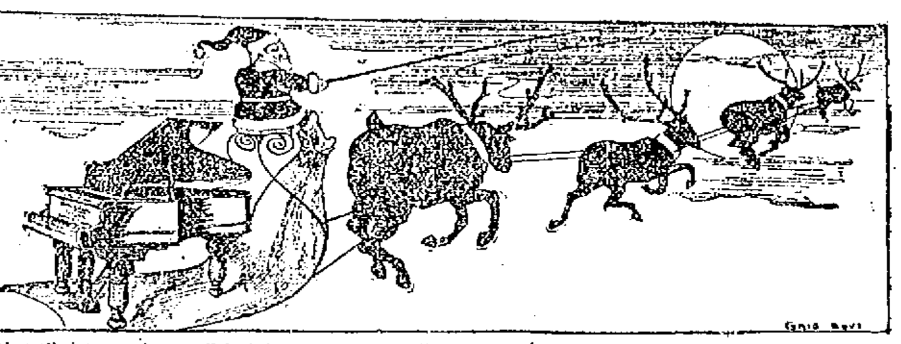
A number of the Lowell friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Farmer of Tewksbury called on them at their well appointed residence on Lee street in Tewksbury last night and assisted in the ceremonies of a housewarming. Mr. Farmer's house was destroyed by fire Nov. 6 of last year, and his new house was recently completed. It was only natural that his friends in Lowell should take an interest in the new structure and they made arrangements for a friendly call. Last night was the time decided upon, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed. Gookin's orchestra furnished music and there were songs by Mr. Gookin and Miss Bertha Westgate. It was a late hour when the guests took their departure after leaving as a testimonial of their good wishes two handsome parlor rugs. Among those present were Superintendent of Streets C. J. Cheney, George H. Frye and Dr. Rombough.

GEN. WOOD ARRIVES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Gen. Leonard Wood, the governor-general of Cuba, accompanied by his wife, arrived in this city from Washington this morning. General Wood will remain here until Saturday next, when he sails for Cuba.

HURRAH FOR CHRISTMAS!



Now for that Christmas piano. Select it at once. We will store it and let Santa Claus deliver it on Christmas Eve, if you say so.

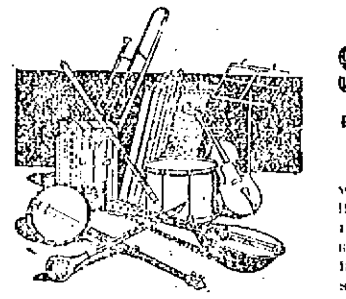
NO RAISE IN PRICES HERE.

We carry the best representation of the different grades at lowest prices.

THE POPULAR AND RELIABLE LIST:

STEINWAY, HARDMAN, GABLER, SHONINGER, EMERSON, STANDARD, SINGER

Our last order for TWELVE SINGER PIANOS arrived Wednesday.



Don't Forget Our

Sheet Music Dept.

Brim Full of Holiday Presents

Violin outfits complete, $5.50 and upwards. Banjos, Mandolins, elegant line, Guitars, Accordions, Cornets, Metronomes, Ocarinas, Apollo Harps, Music Stands, Music Rolls and Bags. Large invoice just arrived. Six styles assorted colors. Strings of every description.

M. Steinert & Sons, No. 130 Merrimack Street.

40 Years the Leading Piano House in New England. Open Evenings till Christmas.

NEW YORK

Cloak and Suit Co.

12 JOHN STREET.

MORE BARGAINS IN

Jackets AND Capes

From the Great Bankrupt Stock of Freedman Bros., New York. You can save money now and select from the largest assortment of the season. See the prices we ask you, about one-half regular prices.

JACKETS.

$3.95.

Covert Cloth Jackets, in tan and blue. Regular price $7.50.

$4.50.

Black Kersey Cloth Jackets, all lined. Regular price $8.50.

$5.95.

Kersey Cloth Jackets, in black, blue, tan and castor, a nobby coat. Regular price $10.

$7.50.

Kersey Cloth Jackets, in all colors. Regular price $12.50.

Nobby Jackets from $8.50, $9.75, $11.75 and $12.50, all at reduced prices.

CHILDREN'S

REEFER JACKETS

Made with cape or plain, some nobby styles, for $1.98, $2.98, $3.75 and $4.98. Early season prices $4.00 to $9.50.

FUR JACKETS AND CAPES.

Electric Seal Jackets, Near Seal Jackets, Persian Jackets, plain or with collar and cuffs of a different fur. Our prices now

$19.50, $24.50, $29.50, $35.00 and $42.50.

Regular prices $25 to $75.

CAPES.

Electric Seal, Wool Seal and Astrachan,

$4.50 to $30.00.

ROUGH

CLOTH CAPES.

27 inches, 30 inches and 36 inch lengths, for

$1.98, $3.50, $4.95 and $6.50.

Regular prices $4 to $11.75.

GOLF CAPES.

Made from handsome rugs,

$3.95, $4.95, $6.50 and $9.75

Regular prices $7.50 to $15.00.

KERSEY

CLOTH CAPES.

Plain or fur trimmed,

$3.50, $5, $7.50 up to $15

All reduced to one-half price.

BUY YNUR

Christmas Presents

FROM US.

Ladies' Shawl Bath Robes.
Fur Neck Scarfs, all kinds.
Fur Muffs, all kinds.
Fur Collarettes, all kinds.
Ladies' Woolen Waists, all kinds.
Ladies' Silk Waists, all kinds.
Ladies' Tea Gowns.
Ladies' Dressing Sacques.

Prices Guaranteed the Lowest.

AUTOMOBILE DASH

Killing Horse and Injuring a Man

ON FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

It Ran Like a Dog Chasing its Tail

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—An automobile ran amuck in 5th avenue between 49th and 51st streets, at 9 last evening. It would have been running yet—in circles—had not indignant citizens in evening and other dress swarmed upon the mad machine and subdued it by sheer force of numbers.

Its driver, whom it threw, and who rashly attempted to mount it again, is in the Flower hospital with a broken leg. "Bike" policeman Clarkin, who did some marvelous trick riding in avoiding the "devil carriage," is suffering from nervous shock.

The weird performance of the "auto" showed the full possibilities of the machine and also marked the revenge of the horse for it was a horse which set the horseless carriage wild.

Joseph McLaughlin drives a cab. He views the automobiles with suspicion. His chief patrons are members of the "millionaire's club" at 60th street. He was driving south in 5th avenue. At 49th street he saw an automobile guided by George S. Dugree bearing down upon him. The usual signals were interchanged, but one of the drivers mistook port for starboard and a collision followed. The impact was great. Both drivers were hurled from their seats. McLaughlin's horse was so badly hurt that it was necessary to shoot it.

As Dugree was thrown from the "auto" his hand wrenched the power lever and set it "full speed ahead." At the same instant the shock set the steering gear hard aport. Like a dog chasing his own tail the horseless carriage, at high speed, ran in mad circles.

MARTIN FLAHERTY

Matched to Meet Spike Sullivan at Troy

Martin Flaherty, Lowell's clever lightweight, has been matched to meet his old rival, "Spike" Sullivan of Boston, at the Manhattan Athletic club of Troy, N. Y., on December 21. The pair are scheduled to go 25 rounds for a decision at 133 pounds, weigh in at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for a purse of $1000 and an option of 50 per cent. of the gate receipts. Flaherty has already gone into training and is more than pleased that he has at last got the opportunity to get at his Boston rival, who has always dreaded Flaherty probably more than any other fighter in the ring. It will be a great fight.

GREAT DISTRESS FELT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15.—The distress in the famine stricken districts is becoming more acute. About 2,500,000 persons have received relief.

A MONSTER ARMY

A Plan to Mobilize 100,000 Men

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 15.—The steamer Empress of India has arrived from Yokohama bringing advices to December 1.

Terrible tidal waves have been again devastating the Oriental coasts in various parts of Ceram where some districts were devastated and the population all but obliterated.

A Nan King dispatch says that two battalions sent to Kiangsi to assist the governor in putting down the rioting against the Roman Catholic missionaries dispersed and took their impediments to the hills. It is thought that they were Malao Nui secret society men.

Carlowitz & Co., of Shanghai has offered He Chang Chi Tung, viceroy of Hupeh, a loan of four million marks for fifteen years at seven per cent. interest to enable him to construct a line of railway from the Pingshan coal mines to the iron works at Mayeang.

Chinese advices state that a step is now on foot to mobilize an army of 100,000 men at Kiangsu to garrison the Yang Tse delta. This step was instigated by the viceroy at Nankin with the approval of the high imperial commissioner, Yang Yi, during his visit there.

Li Hung Chang has been ordered to visit open ports with a view of investigating conditions as to the advisability of raising customs duties.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.* The Kind You Have Always Bought

FOLEY'S PARDON

Murderer's Aged Mother Petitions Pres. Mckinley

FOR THE RELEASE OF THEIR ERRING SON

He Figured in the Foster Murder

An appeal to President McKinley for the pardon of Patrick J. Foley, now serving a life sentence in the state prison for complicity in the murder of Duroy S. Foster of Burlington has been made by his aged father and mother, who live in Kerry county, Ireland, as reported exclusively in last night's Sun.

The appeal was forwarded to Gov. Wolcott a few days ago with a request that an inquiry into the facts of the case be made. Gov. Wolcott referred the petition to the prison commissioners and an agent of that commission is now engaged on the case. He will interview witnesses after which a report embodying all the facts in the case will be made.

The petition of the murderer's parents is as follows:

To the President, United States of America, White House, Washington:

The humble petition of James and Catherine Foley showeth:

That to their inexpressible grief their son, Patrick J. Foley, was convicted of murder alleged to have been committed in the town of Woburn, near Boston, in the year 1893 and then sentenced to be executed, but on a second trial this sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life; and that he is at present imprisoned in Charlestown, Mass.

That petitioners have through life borne an unsullied character and that they have reared a family of four other sons and one daughter, all of whom have long since attained their majority and against whom no crime against the law not even the most trivial, was ever alleged.

That the culprit, Patrick J. Foley, from his childhood up to the date of this most lamentable occurrence also bore the very best of character, and was never until then accused of any crime whatsoever, as can be testified to by his employer, J. Turner Huggard, a gentleman of high social standing and moving in the best society in this county of Kerry.

That at his trial there was a grave doubt of the culpability of the culprit as reported in the public press of that date.

That petitioners humbly beg of you to exercise your prerogative of mercy by liberating the culprit, and that he will undertake if liberated to leave the United States and never more return thereto.

That petitioners humbly and beseechingly beg of you to exercise your prerogative of mercy by liberating the culprit thereby restoring an erring and misguided child to the bosom of his afeted and heart-broken parents.

JAMES FOLEY.
CATHERINE FOLEY.

It is evident from the petition that Mr. and Mrs. Foley have been misinformed as to the facts in the case, especially in one particular. The petition states that Foley was convicted of murder, sentenced to be executed, but on second trial this sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life. Foley was not sentenced to death and had only one trial. He was convicted of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The murder for which Foley was sentenced to prison for life occurred on the night of Sept. 11, 1894. For three days after the commission of the crime residents of Woburn, Billerica and the surrounding country were wild with excitement.

The crime was an atrocious one. Three men, it was brought out at the trial, had left Somerville in a covered express wagon and gone out into the country to rob farmhouses and men. The wagon was easily traced on its way home after an attempt had been made to capture the thieves resulting in the shooting of Duroy S. Foster.

In the minds of many people there always existed doubt as to Foley's connection with the crime. On the morning of the opening of the trial Mrs. Foley came into the court room, holding an infant baby in her arms. Up to the iron cage where her husband sat, she stepped and held the child up for the father to kiss and caress.

Counsel for Foley, addressing the court in his behalf, said:

"He is a young man of foreign birth. He has been an honest, hard-working laboring man. No taint of crime or alleged wrongdoing has been attributed to him until this case.

"He left his mother and other relatives in Ireland and came to this country to better his condition. Oct. 1, 1893, he was married to Sullivan's sister, and they lived together as man and wife until the day of his arrest. Foley worked most of the time on the metropolitan sewer.

"A few weeks before his arrest Mr. and Mrs. Foley removed from Warren street, Boston, to Somerville. Mr. Foley gave to his wife the envelope containing his pay. He was a devoted, temperate husband. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Foley, July 5, 1894.

"On the night of Sept. 11, it will be shown that he was in bed with his wife and child between 10.30 o'clock at night and 5 o'clock in the morning of Sept. 12. You will be shown where he was a part of the time when they allege he was in Woburn, Burlington and Billerica.

"There was a fortunate reason and I think God was particularly good to this woman that night. It was that night that the first cross word passed between her and her husband. It was stamped upon her mind and she will relate to you upon the witness stand all the particulars of that occurrence."

Mrs. Foley took the stand, and, as far as a wife could do, she tried to establish an alibi for her husband. She said:

"I shall never forget the day of Sept. 11, 1894. My husband went to Charlestown to work. He ate his breakfast at home. I next saw him at 6.45 o'clock that night and he ate his supper. He brought some wood and coal, and told me that he was going with my brother Pat to have a ride. I next saw him at 10.30 o'clock that night.

"When my husband worked days he generally spent his time at home. The night of Sept. 11, I looked at the clock and saw it was 10.30 o'clock. I had to get up to open the door for him. He came in and went to bed. I lighted a lamp to see what time it was. The clock was on the mantel in the kitchen.

"I kept the clock at correct time by the horn blowing. My husband and I had some words that night. It was on account of his being out late. I did not like being left alone. He was sober and retired with me and our child.

"My baby was nursed at 2 o'clock on the morning of Sept 12 and my husband was lying on the bed. My husband went to the store at 5 o'clock in the morning to get some spareribs, cabbage and steak. We had smoked shoulder and fried eggs that morning for breakfast.

"On the night of Sept. 12 we were aroused by policemen at 12.30 o'clock. I answered the knock and was told they were policemen. They asked for Patrick Foley and if Patrick Sullivan was his brother-in-law. The officers entered, they told me to go or they would take my husband from me. My husband went out to them. I got some clean clothes for my husband before he was taken by the officers. He has not yet returned."

At the conclusion of her testimony Mrs. Foley reeled and fell to the floor in a faint. The judge ordered a recess while Mrs. Foley was cared for by a physician.

MUSIC HALL

Those present at last night's performance were agreeably delighted at the strong bill that was given and will continue to be given for the remainder of the week. The piece, "A Grip of Steel" by Benjamin Shirley and Arthur Landeck, is an ideal melodrama and holds the attention of the audience from the beginning until the end of the last act. The scenic effects are many and appropriate while the cast is an exceptionally strong one.

James Gordon as Ronjane is a man of good abilities in his interpretation of this part. As the robber chief and as the husband, he was magnificent and his denunciation of the traitor Edouard in the third act was a masterly piece of acting and evoked great applause. John E. Hynes, as Pere Gaudelu, a miser, acted his trying part acceptably. The character of Edouard, the contemptible traitor, was taken care of by John Sulley and received the occasional hisses which such a part is entitled to. Frank M. Allen as the landlord of an inn showed wonderful nerve in his detective work. Al. Krenz as the Irish mesmerist and Lawrence Merton as a pal of Ronjane furnished the comedy end of the male cast and gave the audience something to laugh about. Miss Florence St. Leonard as the blind wife of Ronjane was clever. Her portrayal of this difficult role was indeed praiseworthy and merited the appreciation of those present. Miss Lois Jaynes as the landlord's daughter was vivacious and helped the comedy end of the play.

SAVOY THEATRE

Two large audiences were entertained at this house yesterday and the same enjoyment was manifest that was noted earlier in the week. The bill seems to please everybody. For entertainers there was Carlotta, champion lady cyclist and a former Lowell girl, who performed some wonderful and daring tricks on the wheel; then Collins & Mandell in a musical turn of great merit; good dancing by Morrissy & Proctor; Katherine Billgham in several vocal pieces; Hart & Bessie in comedy and clever impersonations and the three Renos in pantomime acrobatic work.

The usual matinee today at 2.30, the prices being 10 and 20 cents. This evening 8.15. Price 10, 20 and 30 cents.

MEMORIAL CHAIR

In Honor of Archbishop Williams

TO BE ENDOWED IN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Plans Adopted to Raise the Funds

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—A movement has been inaugurated in Boston to honor Archbishop Williams with what is generally considered the most fitting tribute to him. This movement has been started in connection with the mission of Archbishop Keane to raise $500,000 as a permanent endowment for the Catholic University in Washington. The idea is to raise in Boston alone the sum of $50,000 and to use this fund to found and endow a chair in the university as a memorial to Archbishop Williams.

All who have been consulted regarding the movement are enthusiastic over the idea. They consider it a happy and most appropriate way of honoring the archbishop and one of the most acceptable tributes that could be offered to the revered prelate himself. Moreover the plan is doubly popular from the fact that while the archbishop is being honored by the founding of the chair, the university is just as much benefited as though the money were given directly, without any specific object, but simply for the general endowment fund.

Archbishop Keane has still further simplified the plan to such an extent that the donors scarcely feel that they are making any contributions at all. To a Post representative he thus outlined the plan yesterday:

"In case the donors so desire, they need not pay us the money outright. All they need do is pay annually to the university the interest at 5 per cent. on the amount which they desire to contribute. The university would, of course, invest the money in any case for only the interest would be used for the university fund and when the donors desire they can retain the principal and pay the interest yearly to the university.

"We can confidently rely on the integrity of the people who contribute, and that being the case, the university is just as much benefited by getting the yearly interest. Of course eventually the principal should come into the possession of the university and with this object in view, many of the contributors have desired to make an arrangement to provide in their will for a legacy to the university to the amount of their contributions."

Archbishop Keane said that many had already made contributions of from $1000 to $5000. Under the plan outlined, a contributor of $1000 would only have to pay $50 a year which seems almost trifling, while even a contribution of $5000 would only mean a payment of $250 to the university.

"The money will not be required until October of next year and by that time it is expected to have far more than the $50,000 required to endow the chair. It is probable that the presentation of the fund and the tribute to Archbishop Williams will be made the occasion for an interesting ceremony and that a delegation of clergymen and prominent laymen from Boston will make the formal presentation.

In Father Ronan's parish, Dorchester, Archbishop Keane has had remarkable success. James J. Costello, Esq., and a number of prominent men in the district have become much interested in the project and it is expected that all over the city the plan will be received with the same degree of enthusiasm.

PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

The Hildreth Mission, connected with the Fifth Street Baptist church, was the scene of a pleasant entertainment last night given under the auspices of Mrs. Nellison, Mrs. W. N. Burke, and Miss Minnie Hobbs. The program opened with a song of greeting by a chorus and among the other numbers on the program were songs by Miss Lafleur, Miss Millie Wentworth, Mrs. W. N. Burke and Miss Nellie Flanders; two dialogue selections and recitations by Jennie Shaw and Stella Wilson; and a banjo solo by Ray Gordon. Misses Edith Gilman and Eva Swann presided at the piano.

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GREAT BARGAINS	in Furs. Fur Collarettes that were sold for $3.00. Sale price	$1.69
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MORRIS AND MALKA KANTEN, CHARGED WITH STEALING POCKET BOOKS, AND NOW UNDER ARREST IN BOSTON.

A BIG HAUL

MADE BY INSPECTOR WOLF OF THE BOSTON POLICE FORCE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Inspector Wolf yesterday arrested a man and two women on the charge of picking pockets and snatching bags in the large stores during the holiday rush.

When booked, the man gave the name of Morris Kanten, 24; the young woman that of Malka Kanten, his wife, 18, and the aged woman who said she was the mother of the younger one said her name was Hudas Goldstein. All are Russian Jews, and none of them are able to speak English. Inspector Wolf acted as interpreter. They lived at 5 Parkman street in the West end.

When searched at headquarters two pocketbooks were found on the young man, and two on the young woman, while the mother had concealed in her dress a bag containing $31.

In the pocket books found on the man were $3.40 in money and a lot of receipts and papers for which the police desire owners. There was an Adams, express receipts for a bundle marked "Mrs. W. Mason, 652 St. Marks avenue, Brooklyn;" a receipt given to Emeline M. Childs for $2000 for a promissory note; a receipt to A. F. Preston from a department store for a bowl, 35 cents, and another 60 cents.

In another pocketbook there was a slip of paper on which was written, "No. 86,679, book B, of 5, page 92," one marked "L. Y. Martin, 159 East 2nd street, N. Y., residence 40 Linden street, Dorchester," and a lottery ticket bearing the number 21,023 to be drawn Dec. 14.

In one of the pocketbooks found on the younger woman was $6.05, and in the other $2. Beside the pocketbooks there were found a gold charm, a dozen gold and silver foreign coins and a gold locket with a diamond setting, upon which was engraved the name, "Mrs. Frank R. Osborn, Jacksonville, Fla." The value of this jewel is placed by the police at about $105. On the husband also the police say were found two gold watches, diamonds, and jewelry valued at several hundred dollars.

TO SPIRIT LAND

Maurice E. Strauss a Well Known Actor

JUMPS FROM FALL RIVER BOAT

Asks to Have Spirits Photographed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—If his own statement is to be believed and it is supplemented by direct circumstantial evidence, Maurice E. Strauss, known to theatregoers in the days of the old Boston Museum Stock company, and also to the theatre-going public of New York and Washington, as Maurice Strafford, committed suicide Wednesday night by jumping from the Fall River boat while on his way to New York.

He left his lodgings, 6 Berwick Park, between 3 and 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after telling his landlady that he was going to New York that night. Yesterday morning a letter was received by an acquaintance in this city, written by Strauss before he left Boston, in which he stated that he was going to jump from the Fall River boat, Wednesday night and this appears to have been the tenor of a letter written to his brother, J. H. Strauss, of 1696 Broadway, New York, for yesterday the latter telegraphed to this city to ask if his brother was dead.

The letter to the Boston acquaintance was as follows:

Boston, Dec. 13, 1899.
6 Berwick Park

My Dear Mr. ———;

Thank you for your kind note. I am sorry that you could not come. These lines are to say good-bye to you. When you have received them I shall have passed away to the other world. I endeavored to prove to the world that Spiritualism really exists; that those who have passed away return to those dear to them here. These messages were from your old friend, Charles W. Thomas.

It is my request, one of the last on earth, that you visit Mrs. C. B. Biles, 67 Pembroke street. Take Mr. Leach with you. Al. Leach, Charley says his name is. Take Jack Mason later. Prove to the theatrical profession that God permits us to return, for I will come back to earth before my body has been taken from the water.

I shall jump into my last resting place here from the Fall River boat tonight. It is without fear that I enter the other world. I have fought for a principle in my Saviour, Jesus Christ's name. I would labor faithfully further, but the obstacles have been too great and my strength fails me.

Write an article. Fear no publicity. Do it for our sake. Yes, all of those whom you knew in the Bohemian circle of Boston. Do so for Charley Thomas' sake, who has been near me often and who knows what I have endured, what my trials have been. Go to my apartments. Have my cabinet photographed. It was arranged for dear little ones who came back to earth through me. Good-bye. God bless you. Do it for me. Do it in Christ's name. Good-bye. God bless you.

Sincerely,
MAURICE E. STRAUSS. (Strafford.)

Have some spirits photographed at Mrs. Biles', God bless you."

This was written after the receipt of a reply from the friend declining an invitation to attend a Spiritualistic seance.

New Time Schedule

Change to Go in Effect on Certain Street Railway Lines Sunday.

On and after Sunday, Dec. 17, 1899, the following time schedule will go into effect on the Middlesex street, North Chelmsford and Tyngsboro line and will remain in force until further notice:

Change of time on Middlesex street North Chelmsford and Tyngsboro line:

Leave Merrimack square for Tyngsboro 6.00, 6.55, 7.27 a. m. and every 40 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.18 and every 30 minutes until 10.48 p. m.

Tyngsboro to Merrimack square: 5.40, 6.20, 6.57 and every 40 minutes until 11.53 a. m.; 12.03 and every 30 minutes until 10.33 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

Merrimack Square to Tyngsboro: 8.07, 8.47 a. m. and every 40 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.18 a. m. and every 30 minutes until 10.18 p. m.

Tyngsboro to Merrimack square: 8.57 a. m. and every 40 minutes until 10.57 a. m.; 11.33 a. m. and every 30 minutes until 10.03 p. m.

Merrimack Square to North Chelmsford: 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.07 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.48 p. m. Saturdays, 11.03 p. m.

North Chelmsford to Merrimack square: 5.55, 6.37, a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.17 a. m.; 11.33 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.33 p. m. 10.48 p. m. Saturdays.

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Merrimack Square to North Chelmsford: 8.07 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.18 p. m.

North Chelmsford to Merrimack square: 8.57 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.17 a. m.; 11.33 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.03 p. m., 10.18 p. m., 10.33 p. m.

Merrimack square to Wood street: 6.00, 6.20, 6.30, 6.55, 7.07 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.48 p. m., 11.18 p. m.

Wood street to Merrimack square: 5.37, 6.02, 6.37, 7.55 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.40 a. m.; 11.55 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.49 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

Merrimack Square to Wood street: 8.07 and every 20 minutes until 10.40 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.03, 10.18, 10.33 p. m.

Wood street to Merrimack square: 7.45 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.40 a. m.; 11.55 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.40 p. m.

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ENGLAND'S HUMILIATION AND HOPE.

The reverses which England has suffered in the Boer war have brought upon her perhaps the greatest humiliation that she has experienced during the present century. After a recital of terrible disasters sustained by the British army in South Africa during the past few weeks, the people of England look anxiously to General Buller and his army corps for victory which will to some measure retrieve the honor the British army has lost in the conflict with the Boers. The report that General Buller had entered Ladysmith and captured from three to ten thousand Boers yesterday, brought much needed relief to England, although the news came without any confirmation from an authentic source. Still it was believed and caused a great restoration of confidence in the ability of the army in South Africa to conquer the Boers.

If the report is true it will be a great encouragement to the British army, but it will be by no means the end of the war. The Boers with their characteristic prowess and valor urged on by their unflinching love of liberty will fight until the last hope of further victory is gone.

Oom Paul before the war commenced warned England that she might eventually conquer the Boer republic, but she could not do so except at an appalling cost. Already his warning has taken on the force of prophecy, because thus far the cost to England has been appalling both in men and money as well as in the humiliation of the proud nation at home; and yet the war is far from being ended, and there is more humiliation in store for England before she adds the Transvaal to her dominions.

THE BRAKEMAN'S DANGER.

The shocking death of a brakeman near the School street crossing is a reminder of the many fatalities in that vicinity. There is outside of Boston, as there is at the approach of every large railroad terminus what is known as a "Know Nothing Crossing." It is where the trains entering and leaving the city cross from one track to another before getting upon the track which brings them to their destination outward or inward. It is the most dangerous place for trains and for people who are walking on the tracks, although the trains slack up as if to look ahead before dashing forward. The School street crossing is not of this special kind, but in regard to the number of accidents which occur there it is even worse. It is the most dangerous part of the railroad around Lowell.

The brakeman has at best the most dangerous occupation. He requires to have clearness of head and firmness of foot in order to perform his duty without accident, and when he makes a misstep his fate is something like that of James Ivory, who fell from a car near School street on Wednesday evening. Some years ago congress made provision for a different system of braking freight cars, but the railroad secured an extension of time for putting the act into effect. In the meantime brakemen must put up with the danger of running on the tops of trains and taking all risks of accidents. The death rate in this particular calling is perhaps the greatest of any occupation in the United States.

SOLICITOUS FOR BRYAN.

The Boston Herald is greatly troubled about Mr. Bryan and what he intends to do. At one time it says that the democratic leader is following a forlorn hope, at another that he is the inspiration of the democracy and still at another time, that he is the connecting link which holds the silver issue to the democratic platform; but now it declares that he has abandoned the silver issue altogether, and that in so doing he should retire as a presidential candidate. Mr. Bryan has not abandoned the silver issue, and he will not abandon it. He is not a leader of the weathervane kind, nor yet does he change like the mugwump press and when he is depicted in so many various lights and represented as being a lightning change artist the changes occur only in the imagination of the writers.

Mr. Bryan remains the same today as he was when at the Chicago convention he declared his belief in the necessity of free coinage of silver and gold as a relief for the financial stringency and other evils which the people suffer on account of the gold standard.

Boston Herald:

The vote cast for members of the school board in Tuesday's election is a very fertile field for political study. Mr. Coolidge, who headed the poll, was a democratic nominee, indorsed by the independent women voters and the public school association. His strength is well shown by the fact that he received a larger number of votes than did Mrs. Fifield, who had the same indorsement, with the added aid of the republicans. It is not surprising to find Mrs. Fifield and Dr. McDonald in second and third positions, for they were on both the republican and democratic tickets, and the close to 800 votes by which Mrs. Fifield leads Dr. McDonald may be taken as a sign of the aid given her by the women voters and public school association. The fourth candidate in the list is Mr. Abraham, running up to within about 100 votes of the third candidate, on only a democratic nomination. Messrs. Baldwin and Bulger also landed in the winning eight, with democratic credentials. Of the elected candidates, four, Messrs. Coolidge, Abraham, Baldwin and Bulger, are democrats; two, Messrs. Allen and Cushing, are republicans, and two, Mrs. Fifield and Dr. McDonald, had the backing of both parties. Just half of the winners were on the lists of the independent women voters and the public school association.

Mayor-elect Hart of Boston has made a great many promises to the people of what he will do during his incumbency. The harbor front is to receive attention and the streets are to be put in better condition. This is but a small portion of the program that he has mapped out for himself, and we rather surmise that he promised more than he can accomplish, even if he has the best of republican support. He posed as a friend of home rule for Boston and it remains to be seen what influence he can exert upon the legislature in restoring to Boston the right to manage her own local affairs.

Congress has decided to investigate the appointment of polygamous postmasters in Utah, but it is doubtful if any of them will be removed, even though there be the strongest evidence against them. There is a chronic state of ill-feeling between the Mormons and the latter will furnish all the evidence needed against the postmasters as they are now against Mr. Roberts taking his seat in congress.

The textile industries have increased wages, and this has aroused the other crafts, so that we may expect a general agitation among the latter for higher wages. The machine shops, the hosieries, the shoe shops and even the mercantile establishments will have to advance wages, while prices on commodities in general bound upward. There is no reason why wages should not also be increased.

By a popular vote in the last election the people of Boston have decided not to re-lay the tracks on Tremont street. This has settled the agitation which the merchants of that street have kept up ever since the subway was opened. Their business will suffer undoubtedly but we can see no immediate remedy.

Hereafter the democrats will realize what it means to temporize with cuckoos. Alderman Libby, by running independently, defeated the whole democratic aldermanic ticket with one exception. It is a bad policy to discriminate among political cuckoos.

CRISP GOSSIP

The Sun has received so many evidences of confused minds regarding the beginning of the 20th century that it will present a proof that the 20th century begins after the year 1900 is ended, in the shape of a little conversation:

Question—What is a year?

Answer—Three hundred and sixty-five days.

What is a century?

One hundred years.

When did the year No. 1 end?

December 31 of the year 1.

When did the year No. 2 begin?

January 1 of the year 2.

When did the year 99 end?

December 31, A. D. 99.

Did that complete a century?

No.

When was the century completed?

At the close of the year following 99; or at the close of the year 100.

When did the second century begin?

January 1 of the year 1 of the second century, that is January 1, A. D. 101.

When did the 19th century end?

At the close of the nineteenth hundred year, or at the close of 1900.

When does the 20th century begin?

It begins on day No. 1 of year No. 1 of the twentieth hundred year—that is, on January 1, A. D. 1901.

We must still see two Christmases before the 20th century dawns.

SUDDEN DEATH

OF GEORGE HUMMISTON IN EVERETT.

Mr. Samuel G. Hummiston of Westford received the sad news yesterday of the sudden death of his son, George, at his boarding house in Everett.

He was found dead in bed yesterday morning. Young Hummiston was about 25 years of age and in the employ of S. C. Sudley & Co., produce dealers, Boston, with whom he had been about a year. It is supposed that the cause of death was heart failure. Wednesday he was apparently in good health with no premonitions of the sudden close of his earthly career. Deceased was a young man of exemplary character, correct habits, and with a bright mind and genial disposition had the warm friendship of many acquaintances. His early and sudden decease is a grievous blow to the family circle.

Mr. Philip Favreau, delegate for the A. F. of L., has returned from Detroit, Mich., and is seriously ill at his home in Fourth avenue.

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COMMITTEE SELECTIONS

MADE BY REPUBLICANS OF THE SENATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The republicans in the senate today adopted the changes made by the committee on committees. The more important changes in the republican membership of the committees follow:

Finance—Hansbrough, Spooner.

Appropriations—Warren, Wetmore, Carter.

Foreign Relations—Wolcott.

Judiciary—Fairbanks, Simon.

Commerce—Hanna, Mason, Depew.

Agriculture—Foster.

Coast and Insular Survey (new)—Foster, chairman; Hawley, McMillan, Perkins, Wellington.

Contingent Expenses—Keane, Scott.

Census—Quarles, McComber.

Civil Service—Baker, Chairman.

Claims—Warren, chairman; McComas, Depew, McComber, Keane.

District of Columbia—Stewart, Wellington.

Education and Labor—McComas.

Civil Service—Ross, chairman; Deboe.

Fisheries—Foster.

Forest Observations—Beveridge, chairman; Carter, McBride, Depew.

Geological Surveys—Keane.

Immigration—Penrose, chairman; Sewall in place of Nelson.

Indian Affairs—Thurston, chairman; Nelson, Baker, Quarles, McComber, Kyle.

Indian Depredations—Deboe, chairman; McBride, Ross, Beveridge.

Interoceanic Canal—McBride, Hanna.

Interstate commerce—Keane.

Irrigation—Simon, chairman; Stewart, Quarles.

Manufactures—Scott, Foster.

Military Affairs—Burrows.

Mines—Clark (Wyo.), Scott.

Naval Affairs—Penrose.

Executive Departments—McComas, chairman; Beveridge.

Pacific Island and Porto Rico, (New)—Foraker, chairman; Gallinger, Perkins, Fairbanks, Nelson, McComas, Depew.

Patents—Pritchard, chairman; McComas.

Pensions—Deboe, Quarles, McCumber.

Philippines, (New)—Lodge, chairman; Allison, Hale, Davis, Proctor, McBride, Beveridge.

Post Offices—Elkins.

Printing—Platt (N. Y.), chairman; Elkins.

Private Land Claims—Beveridge.

Privileges and Elections—McComas.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Fairbanks chairman; Scott, Quarles.

Public Health—Spooner, Deboe, Depew.

Public Lands—Clark, (Wyo.); Keane.

Railroads—Hawley, Wetmore, Scott.

Relations with Canada—Fairbanks, Cullom.

Relations with Cuba, (New) Platt, (Conn.), chairman: Aldrich, Cullom, Davis, McMillan, Chandler, Spooner.

Revolutionary Claims—Foster.

Rules—Elkins.

Territories—Beveridge.

Transportation Routes—Quarles, chairman; Shoup.

Potomac River Front—Hoar, Wetmore, Foster.

Five Civilized Tribes—Baker.

Transportation of Meat Products—McCumber, McComas.

Industrial Expositions—Depew, chairman; Proctor, Hansbrough, Lodge.

National Banks—Keane, chairman.

Trespassers on Indian Lands—McCumber, chairman.

Woman Suffrage—Foster.

It is observed that Kyle (Independent) and Stewart (Silver) are considered in the majority list of committees.

HIBBARD CONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of George A. Hibbard to be postmaster at Boston.

LAWRENCE HOSIERY

TO GRANT AN INCREASE OF WAGES.

The Lawrence hosiery is the last mill heard from as giving an advance to their employes. This advance is to go into effect at the same time as that of the other mills, but as yet it has not been decided what the advance will be. The employes of the hosiery are jubilant over the good news, and expect that it will reach a 10 per cent. increase.

TROLLEY AND WHIST PARTY.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Paradis, the well-known tonsorial artist, paid them a friendly call at their country home in Billerica Centre last evening. The ride out was delightfully pleasant, and the party on arriving found everything in readiness for a game of progressive whist. There were six tables, and judging from some of the scores there were a number of expert whist players in the party. The prizes were awarded as follows: First prize, silver paper knife with pearl handle, Mr. Joseph Mercier; pair of silver napkin rings, Mrs. Albert Ware. The second prize, a bunch of cigars, was won by Dr. O'Donnell of Billerica Centre, and the second lady's prize, a Wedgewood vase, was won by Miss Pigeon. The consolation prize, "The Yellow Kid," came to Mrs. John J. Gaynor. Refreshments were served, and after a short time spent in social chat the party left for home on the ... car after having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Mr. George Conlan of Salt Lake city, Utah, is visiting with relatives at ... street. He was also a guest of Mr. and Mrs. ... [illegible]

S. A. R. BANQUET

Old Middlesex Chapter, S. A. R. Held a Meeting

SOME VERY INTERESTING PAPERS READ

Paper on Washington Read by Solon W. Stevens

A special meeting of Old Middlesex Chapter, S. A. R., was held last night at the St. Charles Hotel and the attendance of the members was very large. Shortly before 7 o'clock supper was served and at the conclusion of the feast a little business was disposed of.

A message of sympathy was directed and sent to Geo H. Stevens, Esq., the historian of the chapter, at present confined to his home by sickness and the hope was expressed that he may be speedily restored to his usual health.

Samuel Burbank was admitted to membership. It was voted that at the next meeting of the chapter the ladies be invited to attend and as instructed by the vote, the president appointed as a committee to make necessary arrangements, Messrs. J. G. Buttrick, W. W. Johnson and J. Neale in furtherance of a plan recently begun of exchanging speakers and papers with other chapters. President Parker was recently the guest of the old Suffolk Chapter, S. A. R., of Chelsea and read a paper which has been read at the old Middlesex Chapter.

As a return of the courtesy the guest of the evening was Prescott Chamberlin, Esq., president of Old Suffolk chapter, who read a paper on Pemaquid. This was a most valuable historical account of that place (now Bristol) one of the earliest and most interesting settlements on the Maine coast. The paper, though of some length, was listened to with a close attention that was fully rewarded and was worthy of a more extended notice than is available in a report like this.

Following was a brief paper by Jas. F. Savage, Esq., on the Evacuation of Charleston, S. C., Dec. 14, 1782 by the British, of which the meeting was in commemoration, in which was portrayed most intelligently and graphically the trials of the citizens both in and out of the Continental army and the joy and eagerness when the soldiers were allowed to come back on the departure of the British army.

Just a century ago, the father of his country, George Washington, breathed his last, and Solon W. Stevens delivered a scholarly and eloquent address upon the life and character of Washington.

Reference was made to the many estimates of his character that have been made by different writers showing how those who have tried to write him down have failed. During his life he was the object of the bitterest vituperation from enemies and yet his character seems to grow in the esteem of the people.

After a most hearty vote of thanks to the speakers the meeting was closed with the customary singing of "America."

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The thirteenth anniversary of Passaconaway tribe, I. O. R. M., was celebrated last evening at Post 185 hall, with a supper and entertainment. The celebration was held in connection with the 100th anniversary of the death of George Washington, the grand council of Red Men having united yesterday with the Masons in the ceremonies at the grave of Washington at Mount Vernon, Va.

Supper was served from 6 to 7:30, after which came an entertainment consisting of an address by Deputy Great Sachem J. H. Orr of Reading, Mass., and selections by the Edison concert phonograph under the charge of Mr. Wardell. The supper committee was Mrs. Clifford, chairman; Arthur W. Garland, secretary and treasurer; L. T. Moody, C. T. Mann, R. P. Swanson, J. H. Breed, P. J. Brennan, J. H. Hickey, Charles F. Nichols, Frank Nichols. The ladies who had charge of the supper were: Mrs. Milo Clifford, Mrs. Jennie M. Bailey, Mrs. J. R. Towle, Mrs. C. T. Flanders, Mrs. John Cacana, Miss Moody and Mrs. Frank Ta... Mr. Naud of Providence, R. I., was present as a guest of Passaconaway tribe.

A supper and general good time were held last night by Centralville lodge, D. of R., I. O. F., the occasion being their fifth anniversary. The following named officers from Boston were present: Grand Master F. W. Fish, Grand Marshal Austin S. Estey, Grand Instructor Webber, Grand Warden Johnson and Grand Secretary F. T. Perkins. District Deputy Mrs. Joseph Wright and suite of this city were present also.

Supper was served at 6:30, Atwood's orchestra furnishing the music.

The elective officers of Highland union and Evening Star lodges of Lowell and Wamesit lodge of Billerica were elected. The Rebecca degree was worked on four candidates.

The regular meeting of Veritas lodge, L. of P. M. C., was held last night and installation of officers took place. They will be elected at the next regular meeting. After the meeting a general social time took place. There was a piano solo by Miss Frances Whitworth, a duet by Mrs. Mowatt and Mrs. Noble and songs by Mrs. Nellie Grant and Mrs. Nellie ...

At the regular meeting of Washington commandery, Order of the Golden Cross, last night, only routine business was transacted.

Veritas lodge, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting last evening and transacted routine business only.

At the regular meeting of Lowell lodge, K. of P., last evening, two applications were received and four candidates were initiated. The committee on the fair met and completed arrangements.

Five candidates were initiated and four propositions were accepted last night at the regular meeting of Court General Shields, Foresters of America. Arrangements were made to celebrate the sixteenth anniversary with an entertainment and smoke talk in February.

Last night at the regular meeting of Victoria lodge, I. O. F. M. U., officers were nominated. After the business meeting there were piano selections given by Mrs. Whitworth and Emma Lord.

The hall committee of the Iron Moulders' union met last night at ... State hall and completed arrangements for their ball to be held next week.

The second degree was worked on one candidate last night at the regular meeting of Monomake encampment, I. O. O. F.

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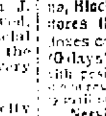

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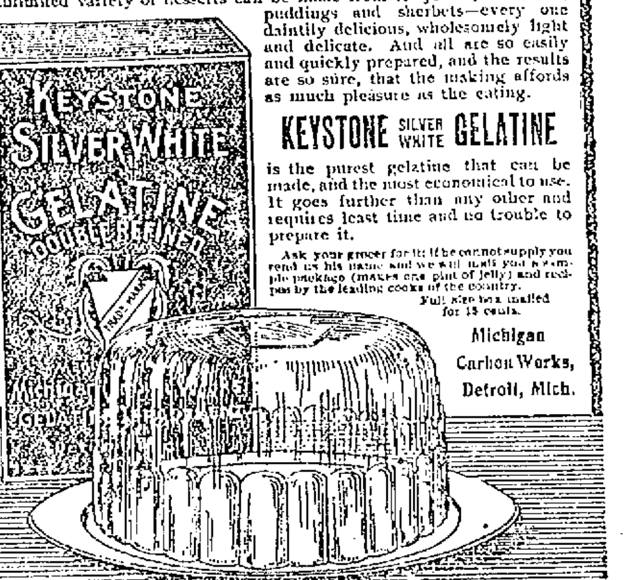

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LADIES OF CHARITY

OF ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL HELD A MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Ladies of Charity of St. John's hospital was held last night. There was a good attendance but no special business was transacted. The ladies present during the evening did a little sewing and other things, which in any way would benefit the hospital. The members were much grieved over the departure of Sister Felicite from the hospital, where she was a favorite. She is now situated at Buffalo, N. Y., having charge of the hospital of the Sisters of Charity at that place. After the meeting the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given in the chapel.

THE ANNUAL SALE

Of the Young Women's Hospital Guild

The annual sale, which is conducted at Carleton's and Hovey's by the Young Women's hospital guild for the benefit of the Lowell general hospital, is meeting with an abundance of success.

Mrs. Thomas G. McGannon and Mrs. Frank Howe are in charge and they are ably assisted by several young women of the guild dressed in most becoming costumes.

No one can pass the store without being attracted to the beautifully adorned window. Not only is the window space on one side occupied but a long counter is weighed down with the good things usually found on the up-to-date fancy tables. Even without the decorations the articles themselves would present a most inviting appearance but the lavender trimmings enhance the beauty of the scene.

It would be impossible to mention the various articles on sale, but to say that the display is a complete one is definite enough for all prospective purchasers. One of the features of the sale is the presence of a number of dolls dressed in the costumes of various callings. First there is the doll dressed as a nurse, next comes one in the garb of a full-fledged golf player and so on. In addition to the fancy articles there are some beautiful four-in-hand neckties that any man might be proud to own.

A beautiful pillow and a dainty table cloth are the principals in a merry guessing contest now in progress and they will prove valuable properties to the two who are endowed with good luck. The little ones will find several things that they might expect to find on Christmas trees and parents could there choose many a small thing to be put into the hung-up stocking.

On Saturday morning next will begin the sale of cake, mince pies and plum pudding and unless all indications fail a thriving business will be done.

Orders for Christmas greens left with the young women in charge of the sale will receive prompt attention.

CHELMSFORD

Charles J. Sederberg and family removed this week to Lowell for the winter.

Sunday services: Central Congregational. Preaching by the pastor at 10:45; Bible school at 12; C. E. services at 6:15; at 7 lecture in the auditorium, "Foot-prints of the Man of Galilee," illustrated with stereopticon views. Unitarian—Rev. L. H. Buckshorn of Westford will preach in the morning; Y. P. G. meeting at 6:30, led by Miss Pearl Drew. Subject, "The Beauty of Wholeness."

All Saints': Holy communion, 10 a. m.; service and sermon, 10:45, Sunday school at noon.

The net receipts of the Central Congregational fair amounted to the gratifying sum of $135.

The Men's club of the Central Congregational church had a good attendance.

AN ENTERTAINMENT

GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF BARTLETT LITERARY UNION.

The first of the entertainment course of the season of 1899-1900 by the members of the Bartlett Literary club, comprised entirely of ladies, was given last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carroll on Mt. Vernon street. About 50 guests were present and the tickets were placed at the generosity of the purchaser. The proceeds will be devoted to some worthy charity.

The program presented by the young women was one of merit and greatly enjoyed by those present. The program follows: Address of welcome, Miss Bessie Carroll; reading, "Longfellow," Miss Louise Parker; piano solo, Miss Mary Covey; chorus, "Search for the Fairy Queen," members of the Bartlett club; Miss Helen Hogan making a very pretty queen of the fairies; piano solo, Miss Etta Hogan; reading, "A Letter to God," Miss Katherine O'Donnell; piano duet, "Whip-poor-will Echoes," Misses Louise Parker and Bessie Carroll; reading, "The Calico Cat," Miss Helen Hogan.

Some excellent tableaux were next given. The first was the old year and the new year, represented by Miss Helen Hogan as the old and Miss Louise Parker as the new year.

Easter was impersonated by Miss Etta Hogan; Fourth of July by Miss Mary Covey; Thanksgiving by Miss Katherine O'Donnell and Christmas was given by two characters, Miss Bessie Carroll and Miss Helen Hogan.

A very cleverly written dialogue in two scenes, entitled, "Five Old Graduates of Miss Propriety's seminary," concluded the evening's program, in which the young women showed themselves adepts in histrionic roles.

RECOUNT ASKED

IN THE BOSTON MAYORALTY VOTE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—At a conference of the democratic leaders yesterday, it was voted to petition for a recount for mayor of last Tuesday. As Mr. Hart's plurality now stands at only 2084, a change of 1100 votes would make a difference in the result.

THE BOYS' CLUB.

The project to organize a Boys' club that was started last spring has made such satisfactory progress that upwards of $500 has already been subscribed and the amount is being added to daily.

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PROBATE COURT.

Middlesex, ss.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE ... late of Lowell in said county, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court for probate, by JOSEPH H. McGRATH, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate court to be held in Lowell in said county of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of December, A. D. 1899, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said court and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said court.

Witness, CHARLES J. McINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said court, this fifth day of December, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

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TRIBUTE OF LOVE

Masons and Red Men Honor Washington's Memory

Pres. McKinley and Members of Cabinet Were in Attendance—Grand Procession to the Tomb of Washington

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Mt. Vernon was the scene today of the most impressive ceremony in its rich and picturesque history. Masons of high degree from all over the United States and Canada met at the tomb of Washington in services commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of the greatest American. President McKinley delivered an eloquent tribute to the memory of the first president, and senators and representatives in congress, high officials of the government and distinguished private citizens were participants and spectators of the solemn service.

Later in the day when the Masonic ceremonies had been concluded, the Independent Order of Red Men succeeded them in honoring the memory of Washington with the rites of their order.

The Masons went from this city to Mount Vernon by steamer. President McKinley left the white house shortly before 10 o'clock and was taken to Mt. Vernon by a special train on an electric line. He was accompanied by all the members of the cabinet now in the city and by General Miles and Adjutant General Corbin. At the Mount Vernon procession was formed at the mansion where President McKinley and other distinguished guests joined it and moved to the old vault where first reposed the remains of Washington. This procession was formed and moved in the exact order and over the same path which was followed at Washington's funeral. Halting at the vault the Third Cavalry band played a funeral dirge and the Right Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph, bishop of the Southern Episcopal diocese of Virginia, offered an invocation. This was followed by an address by the grand master of Masons in Colorado, and the procession then moved on to the tomb where the remains of Washington now lie. Here occurred the impressive services of the Masonic ritual. The grand masters of the thirteen original states formed in line facing the representatives of the other jurisdictions and the gand lodge and other brethren standing in a circle around the tomb with joined hands. Then the grand master of Virginia called upon each of the jurisdictions in turn for the messages and tributes sent by them.

The grand master's then deposited their wreaths and the craft slowly marched past, laying on the tomb their tributes. Upon reaching the mansion the lines were drawn up and President McKinley delivered an address. He was introduced by the grand master of Virginia and delivered an eloquent oration. He said:

We have just participated in a service commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington. Here in his old home which he loved so well and which the patriotic women of the country have guarded with loving hands, exercises are conducted under the auspices of the great fraternity of Masons, which a century ago, planned and executed the solemn ceremonial which attended the Father of his Country to the tomb. The lodge in which he was initiated and the one over which he afterwards presided as worshipful master, accorded positions of honor at his obsequie, are today represented here in token of profound respect to the memory of their most illustrious member and beloved brother. Masons throughout the United States testify anew their reverence for the name of Washington and the inspiring example of his life. Distinguished representatives are here from all the grand lodges of the country to render the ceremonies as dignified and impressive as possible and most cordial greetings have come from across our borders and from beyond the seas.

Not alone in this country, but throughout the world have Masons taken especial interest in the observation of this centennial anniversary. The fraternity justly claims the immortal patriot as one of its members: the whole human family acknowledges him as one of its greatest benefactors. Public bodies, patriotic bodies and other organization our citizens everywhere have esteemed it a privilege today to pay their tribute to his memory and to the splendor of his accomplishments in the advancement of justice and liberty among men. "His fair fame, secure in its immortality, shall shine thro' countless ages with undiminished lustre."

The struggling republic for which Washington was willing to give his life and for which he ever freely spent his fortune and which at all times was the object of his most earnest solicitude, has steadily and wonderfully developed along the lines which his sagacity and foresight early planned. It has stood every test and at the dawn of a new century stronger than ever to carry forward its mission of liberty. During all the intervening years it has been true to the principles of the constitution which he and his illustrious colleagues framed for its guidance and government. He is national architect, says Bancroft the historian, and but for him the nation could not have achieved its independence, could not have formed its union, could not have put the federal government into operation. He had neither precedent nor predecessor. His work was original and constructive and has successfully stood the severest tests. He selected the sight for the capital of the republic he founded and gave it the name of the Federal city, but the commission substituted the name of Washington as the more fitting and to be a perpetual recognition of the services of the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, the president of the convention which framed the constitution and the first president of the United States republic.

More than seventy millions acknowledged allegiance to the nation which he made triumphant. The nation is his best eulogist and his noblest monument.

I have been deeply interested and touched by the sentiment of his contemporaries, uttered a hundred years ago on the occasion of his death. The Rev. Walter King of Norwich, Conn., in the course of an eloquent eulogy delivered in that city, January 1800 said in part:

"By one mighty effort of manly resolution we were born anew, I declared our independence, commenced the bloody contest everything we held dear. The Almighty Being, by whose grace we were hitherto conducted, beheld us with compassion and saw what we needed—a pilot, a leader in the enterprise we had undertaken. He called for Washington, already prepared, appointed him as his servant with real dignity and put into his hands the control of all our defensive operations."

"But here admiration suppresses utterance. Your own minds must fill out the active character of the man. A description of the war-like skill, the profound wisdom, the prudence, the heroism and integrity which he displayed in the character of the commander in chief would suffer materially in hands like mine. But I may say the eyes of all our American Israel were placed upon him as their saviour, under the direction of heaven and they were not disappointed."

Rev. Nathan Strong, pastor of the North Presbyterian church, at Hartford, Conn., spoke as follows on December 27, 1799:

"He was as much the angel of peace as of war, as much respected as deeply reverenced in the political cabinet for a luminous coolness of disposition, whereby party jealousy became enlightened and ashamed of itself, as he was for a coolness of command in the dreadful moment, when empires hung suspended on the fate of battle.

His opinions became the opinions of public bodies and every man was pleased with himself when he found he thought like Washington under the auspices of this great warrior, who was formed by the providence of God to defend his country; the war ended and America ranked among the nations. He might have been monarch, retired to his own Mt. Vernon, unclothed of all authority, to enjoy the blessing of being a free private citizen. This was a strange sight and gave a new triumph to human virtue—a triumph that hath never been exceeded in the history of the world, except it was by his second recess, which was from the presidency of the United States.

And on the day preceding, December 26, 1799, in the course of his memorial funeral oration before both houses of congress, Major General Lee, then a representative from the state of Virginia gave utterance to the noble sentiment as forceful today as in those early years of our national life. "To the horrid din of battle sweet peace succeeded, and our virtuous chief, mindful only of the common good, in a moment tempting personal aggrandizement, hushed the discontent of growing sedition, and surrendering his power into the hands from which he had received it, converted his sword into a plowshare, teaching an admiring world that to be truly great, you must be truly good."

While strong with his own generation, he is stronger even in the judgment of the generations which have followed.

After a lapse of a century he is better appreciated, more perfectly understood, more thoroughly venerated and loved than when he lived. He remains an ever-increasing influence for good in every part and sphere of action of the republic. The nation needs at this moment the help of his wise example. In dealing with our vast responsibilities, we turn to him. We invoke the counsel of his life and character and courage. We summon his precepts that we may keep his pledges to maintain justice and law, education and morality and civil and religious liberty in every part of our country, the new as well as the old.

The services concluded with a benediction by Brother Ed. N. Calisch, rabbi of Bethaba synagogue, Richmond, Va.

FRIENDS OF LICENSE

REFERRED TO AT MEETING OF M. T. A. SOCIET DIRECTORS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The monthly meeting of the directors of the Massachusetts total abstinence society was held Wednesday at its headquarters, 36 Bromfield street. The report of Sec. Alfred Noon, says:

"In the elections of Tuesday, the trend of license is marked, although two-thirds of the gain is in this city. Lowell and Salem go back to the saloon, a result which has been feared for some months. There are net gains for no-license in Chelsea, Everett, Melrose, Woburn and Worcester. The smallest relative vote for license is probably in Melrose; the largest relative vote for no-license seems to be in Everett. There is a decided tendency for no-license people to move out of Boston into the suburbs.

"In the 32 cities which have voted, 16 show license gains and 14 show no-license gains; 6 show license losses and 18 show no-license losses, 23 show net gain for license."

Mr. Noon also stated in his report that the work of school visitation has necessarily come to a standstill and can hardly be expected to open largely for a year or two, as nearly every portion of the state readily accessible has been canvassed so recently. Applications are out and some may be granted in the immediate future. There is a call for a series of conventions of the various cities and towns of the state and a scheme has been prepared to cover the entire territory, except the city of Boston.

The report also says: "The attitude of this society toward the public school problem is one of unusual importance just now. By our action early in the year we were enabled to continue the friendship of many persons connected with the educational duties of the state. It is a question whether similar action should not be taken at the annual meeting of the society next month. The importance of the matter is so great that I would urge the appointment of a special committee of at least three who may consider the idea and report either to the directors at the January meeting or to the annual meeting.

It was voted that this committee be appointed. At the conclusion of business, Prof. J. M. Barker of Boston university spoke on the antisaloon league in Ohio and elsewhere. He was followed by Rev. T. M. Clark, at one time pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church in Columbus, O.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Speaker Henderson has made such progress with the house committees that he was able to state definitely for the first time today that the list would be announced before the holiday recess, probably on or about the day before the recess begins. Until then there will be nothing authoritative given out relative to the chairmanships or the personnel of the committees.

THE CARTER CASE

Five Alleged Conspiraltors Give Themselves up

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK Dec. 14—The long threatened criminal prosecution of the contractors associated with Captain Oberlin M. Carter, formerly of the United States engineer corps, but now a military prisoner on Grovel's Island, has finally gotten under way and today five alleged conspirators surrendered themselves here to United States Commissioner Shields. The Prisoners are D. B. Green, Col. John F. Gaynor, E. H. Gaynor and William T. Gaynor. Michael A. Connolly, late of Savannah, Ga., also indicted, is said to have left the country.

The surrendered men were members of the Atlantic dredging and contracting company, in which Captain Carter held stock and which has been described by United States Attorney General Griggs as "not a corporation, a firm of any other conventional business institution and the only reason for its existence was to filch money from the government."

The men were indicted last Friday by the United States grand jury at Savannah, Ga., for being concerned in a conspiracy by which the government was defrauded out of $575,749. The hearing was set for December 23, and the contractors were released on bail.

IN CONGRESS

FEW MEMBERS PRESENT AT TODAY'S SESSION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Owing to the Washington memorial services at Mount Vernon and elsewhere in the city today, the house was well nigh deserted when the debate on the currency bill was resumed at 11 o'clock. The galleries were empty and less than 50 members were on the floor. By unanimous consent, a bill was passed to extend the time of the examination of monthly accounts by bureaus and officers of the department.

Mr. Cox (Tenn.) who was the ranking minority member of the banking and currency committee in the last congress, opened the debate today in opposition to the bill.

Two joint resolutions were introduced by Representative Williams of Mississippi which are the result of consultation among a number of democratic leaders in the house and are understood to be expressive of their general position on the propositions.

The first resolution declares the intention and purpose to recognize the independence of the Filipinos and withdraw our land and sea forces provided the independent government agrees to pay the $20,000,000 paid by the United States to Spain, to give us a suitable naval and coaling stations and grant free access to their ports.

Another section pledges our friendly assistance and also pledges against foreign interference or aggression for ten years during which time the foreign affairs at the island are to be under American control.

The other resolution asks for information relative to the conclusion of a treaty with the Sultan of Sulu and provides for an inquiry by the judiciary committee as to whether the constitutional provisions against slavery and the statutory provisions against polygamy apply to the Sulu people.

THE SENATE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—When the senate convened today, Mr. Aldrich asked for a temporary postponement of the usual Thursday motion for adjournment over Sunday, until it could be ascertained whether the democrats would be ready today to announce the committee assignments. He added that in case they were not so prepared he would ask the senate to sit tomorrow in order that the appointments to committees could be made. In obedience to this request, Mr. Hal , who had moved the adjournment, withdrew the motion.

Mr. Pettigrew's resolution asking for information as to whether the flag of the Philippine republic had ever been saluted by the American forces in the Philippines came up in the regular order.

Mr. Chandler moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Pettigrew asked a withdrawal of the motion but this was declined. There was however, no objection to an explanation by Mr. Pettigrew and he spoke briefly, saying that his only purpose was to ascertain whether certain newspaper statements concerning the recognition given Aguinaldo's forces by our fleet in Manila Bay in the summer of 1898 were true. He said the statement had been repeatedly made that vessels bearing the Philippine flag had passed in and out of the harbor at that time and that the flag had been saluted on different occasions by the American forces. He had never seen a contradiction of this report. He had also seen frequent statements to the effect that at one time our forces had turned over prisoners taken in a battle at Subig bay to the Filipnos.

Mr. Chandler replied that every word of the resolution and speeches made upon it would be cabled to Manila. For this reason he hoped that the resolution would be disposed of as promptly as possible.

Mr. Pettigrew called for the ayes and nays on the motion to lay on the table. The vote resulted 41 ayes to 20 nays.

After a brief executive session, the senate adopted the house resolution for Christmas adjournments on the 20th of December until the third of January 1900.

On motion of Mr. Foraker, the senate then at 1.01 adjourned for the day out of respect to the memory of Representative Danford of Ohio.

MAY DISSOLVE

A CRISIS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 14.—The announcement that as a result of two special elections to fill vacancies in the legislature of Prince Edward Island, the opposition members now outnumber those on the government side, caused considerable surprise this morning in political circles here. It is further stated that the government at Charlottetown, the capital of the province, will resign immediately. As there is some doubt that the opposition with its slender majority will be able to organize and carry on the administration of affairs successfully, it is believed, the legislature will be dissolved and an appeal to the people taken.

WM. CUSHING DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WEYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 14.—William Cushing, who was at one time well known in national democratic circles, died during the night at his home here aged 60 years. Mr. Cushing was formerly a prominent campaign orator and during Mr. Cleveland's last campaign he made speeches in New York, Ohio and other states. He was formerly selectman here and was a Mason. He was unmarried.

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THE ANNUAL MEET

Of the Grand Council Royal and Secret Officers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The grand council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was opened in annual assembly yesterday forenoon in Ionic hall, Masonic building.

A roll call of the councils showed that out of 25 councils in the state, 21 were represented.

M. I. John F. Adams, grand master of the grand council, R. and S. masters of Rhode Island and grand representative of the grand council of Massachusetts, near the grand council of Rhode Island, after receiving a cordial welcome from Grand Master Lyman became an interested observer of the proceedings. Later he addressed the grand council in cordial and fraternal speech.

Grand Recorder Waite, in his annual paper reported the present membership to be 682, a net gain of 150 for the year. His report, together with that of the others presented, were adopted.

The annual address of Grand Master Lyman was an interesting paper.

The report was referred to a committee, of which M. I. J. Black was the chairman, who subsequently reported and their recommendations were adopted.

A finely written memorial, a tribute to the memory of the late M. I. Seranus Bowen, a past grand master of the grand council, was read by M. I. Albert L. Richardson, chairman of the committee named by the grand master, and adopted by a rising vote.

The grand officers for the ensuing year each unanimously elected, are: R. M. I., grand master, Bonis Sanford, Brockton; deputy grand master, Miah G. Kenny, Somerville; grand principal conductor of the work, George B. Miller, Springfield; grand treasurer, Charles W. Romney, Boston; grand recorder, J. Gilman Waite, Medford; trustee of the permanent fund, Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell.

The grand master appointed as grand chaplain, Rev. Charles A. Skinner, North Cambridge; grand lecturer, John B. Gardner, Roxbury grand master of ceremonies, George A. Brackett, Roxbury; grand captain of the guard, Edwin S. Crandon, Chelsea; grand conductor, Ivory H. Staples, East Boston; grand steward, Henry H. Arnold, Hyde Park; grand sentinel, John T. Kimball, Dorchester.

He also appointed for committee on foreign correspondence J. Gilman Waite, Medford; committee on finance, Henry S. Bunton, Hyde Park; Eugene A. Holton, Boston; Albert F. Newhouse, East Boston; committee on by laws, Albert L. Richardson, Boston; Forest E. Baker, Worcester; Charles Harris, Boston.

The officers were installed by M. I. J. Albert Blake, who had presided during the election. He was assisted by M. I. Albert L. Richardson, acting as grand master of ceremonies.

Much other business of importance was transacted, including the issuance of a charter to Lebanon council of Lynn.

The grand council closed in ample form at 1 p. m., Rev. Charles A. Skinner offering the prayer.

ON INDICTMENTS

JAMES AND ALLAN MACNAUGHTON CHARGED WITH VIOLATING BANKING LAWS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Judge Thomas in the criminal branch of the U. S. circuit court yesterday granted an order which nol prossed the indictments alleging conspiracy and violation of the national banking laws against Pres. James MacNaughton, of the Tradesmen's National bank and his brother, Allan MacNaughton, of the Wool Exchange, which have been awaiting trial for a year, and on which the accused were held in $35,000 bail each.

This action was taken at the suggestion of Assistant U. S. District Attorney Baldwin, who stated to Judge Thomas that all the officers and directors of the bank, who were complaining witnesses in the proceedings and on whose testimony the indictements had been found, had petitioned U. S. District Attorney Burnett to have the indictment nolled, as they were now satisfied that there was no intent on the part of the defendants to defraud the bank.

The petition stated that the check was made good on the same day it was drawn and that the bank had suffered no loss over the certification of the check. They were also satisfied Mr. Baldwin said, that the defendants gained nothing by the transaction. On these facts the assistant district attorney said that he would on trial be unable to secure a conviction and he asked that the indictments be nol prossed.

Judge Thomas, concurring in this motion, issued the order, which, so far as the federal authorities are concerned, ends the prosecution of the MacNaughton brothers.

The indictments thus quietly dismissed accused Pres. MacNaughton of having on February 10, 1897, certified Allan MacNaghton's check for $519,000 on the Tradesmen's National bank, when the latter had no such sum of money on deposit in the institution. The transaction, which, it was claimed, was simply one on paper, came to light at the time of the failure of the Tradesmen's National bank and the wool exchange. It created a sensation in the financial quarter, and it was said that the government would exert all its energies to send the alleged conspirators to prison.

QUAY MANAGERS

BELIEVE HE HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF WINNING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—As the Quay managers admit privately that the only chance for Quay's admission lies in his getting sufficient assistance on the democratic side of the senate to give him the majority that he lacks, it is significant that Chairman Guffey, after talking with a number of democratic senators today, announced that there was no reason to believe that any democratic senator would vote to admit Mr. Quay on Gov. Stone's certificate.

"I expect," said Mr. Guffey, "to see the democratic senators stand firmly and unitedly against the admission of Mr. Quay. The protest of the democratic party of Pennsylvania emphasizing the strong case against Mr. Quay's admission has had its due effect and will doubtless be respected by every democrat in the senate."

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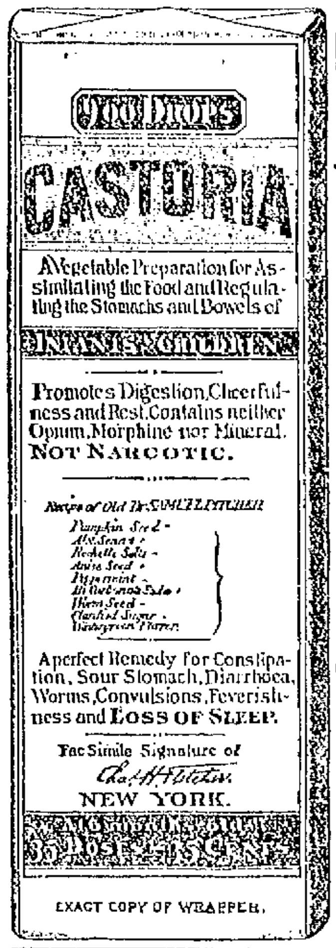

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MOTHER'S APPEAL

In Behalf of Patrick Foley, a Life Convict

WAS SENTENCED FOR FOSTER MURDER

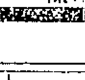
Pres. McKinley Interested in Her Behalf

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—An appeal to President McKinley for the pardon of Patrick J. Foley, now serving a life sentence in the state prison for complicity in the murder of Duroy S. Foster of Woburn, has been made by his aged mother and father, who live in County Kerry, Ireland.

The appeal was forwarded to Governor Wolcott a few days ago with a request that an inquiry into the facts of the case be made. Governor Wolcott referred the matter to the prison commissioners, and an agent of that commission is now engaged on the case. He will interview witnesses after which a report embodying all the facts in the case will be made.

DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.



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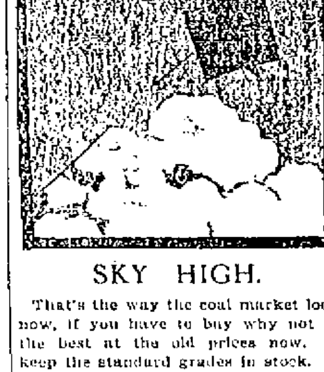

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AFTER QUA'S JOB

Geo. W. Poore Wants City Solicitorship

BURDEN-BEARER WANTS A PLUM

Capt. Mitten After Gillow's Scalp

COMRADES IN ARMS AT WAR

Republican Office Seekors Multiply Daily

George W. Poore, Esq., the official burden-bearer of the local republican party, encouraged beyond bounds by the fact that both branches of the city government will be republican, has decided that it is about time for him to get something besides one of long Gen. Holt's Delmonicean feeds yearly for his services in behalf of the entire party, and has entered the list against Squire Qua for city solicitor. For several years past, Poore has been hustling like a Trojan for the party and getting in return only honor without pay, taffy and a $1.00 dinner which included rent of hall, gaslight, wet goods, printing, etc. On the other hand others, not Qua alone, have been "out of politics" for several years past, but in office at $1,000, $2,000, and even $3,000 a year. Poore has stood it long enough. He thinks he's entitled to something more substantial than eloquence and he is a candidate for city solicitor. Last year Mr. Qua was elected by the democrats of both branches but they say he has failed to appreciate the fact. Now he is up against it. As it is believed that the office of assistant city solicitor will be created next year, the position of city solicitor will be much more desirable than formerly, that is, if the committee on salaries doesn't mill the "per annum" when it shall meet.

There was an ominous air about the office of superintendent of streets and superintendent of commons, which are in the same room, yesterday afternoon, for internal disruption is rife in their respective midst.

The only man present when The Sun reporter called was George Frye, the Silent, who in answer to the reporter's query, said: "I don't know anything about their troubles. They don't tell me anything."

Though it was reported about town that Supt. Cheney had discharged Laforest Beals yesterday, and while Mr. Beals has been expecting the word daily for a week, it would appear that Supt. Cheney has not yet summoned up the courage to bid Beals get him hence, for Cheney has ever had the greatest respect for "Forest's" pull. He attempted to drop him once, but failed, and but little love has been lost between them for many moons. An office-holder who remembers back a few years says: "I don't think Cheney will fire Beals. They have had it just as hot before."

Cheney will have his hands full against Beals for superintendent. Beals is the friend of the laborers on the department and he is also in good favor with the democrats. He steals into the fight against Cheney with three republican councilmen from his own ward behind him, Councilmen Barns, Brousseau and Walker. Some may think that by reason of the fact that Brousseau was assistant superintendent under Cheney at one time that he will stick to his friend of ante-Klondike days, but Mr. Beals' friends state that Pierre is with their man for all time and it would seem that they should know whereof they speak. The democrats would turn to Beals more graciously than to any other republican and with a good prospect of democratic support if the pinch came, his prospects appear to be bright. Ex-Supt. George L. Fowler who turned down Brousseau is also mentioned as a candidate, but his chances are mighty slim, for Brousseau and his friends in the council will not support him under any circumstances.

Capt. A. D. Mitten was at city hall for quite a length of time yesterday, and many thought that he was out for his own candidacy for president of the common council. But there are those who learned differently and were surprised to learn that Capt. Mitten was not at city hall in his own behalf but to work against his brother officer, Lieut. Joseph S. Gillow of Co. M. To those who have followed the trials and tribulations of Co. M for several years past, it is not surprising to hear that the captain and the lieutenant are at sword's points, as it were. Capt. Mitten, it is said, was armed yesterday with a list of the democrats who are working in Supt. Gillow's department and was soliciting votes for Charlie Varnum.

Mr. Varnum also was at city hall yesterday afternoon and he said to the reporter: "The supreme court put me out of the office before but I am in the fight again." There are no other candidates for the position on the republican ticket.

In addition to the candidates mentioned in yesterday's Sun for the position of superintendent of commons, a few more have come to light. They are John W. W. Tilton, Capt. E. B. Carr and Thomas G. Little, the latter of ward three. Little has run for office perennially almost since Adam played in a juvenile team but no one has ever yet had occasion to accuse him of having held office. He ran for common council last year and this year and is running yet.

The candidates for the position of city messenger are growing more numerous daily. In addition to those whom I mentioned yesterday, Walter E. Hedgeman who was defeated for the common council in ward three and William E. Savage who was in the contest last year are also looking for it, while they do say that Jim McDowell will take a chance at it. Jim will go down in history as one of the founders of the Lincoln club. He has never held office, through no fault of his own.

"Wait until Quality Hill puts up a candidate for mayor," say the friends of Senator Putnam. "We have waited honey, waited long for you," is the song of Quality Hill, for the republicans there could never forgive Putnam for putting them in a country senatorial district and compelling them to go to Ayer Junction to attend a senatorial convention.

Perhaps Colonel Carmichael will not have a good time of it. The law requires minority representation on all committees and at that rate the colonel will have to stand on all of them.

THE LEATHER TRADE

SLIGHT SLACKENING OF CALL FOR STOCK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Although December toward the Christmas holidays is usually a quieter period than the weeks immediately preceding in the leather trade, there is a fair demand for both upper and sole stock, in spite of the manifest slackening of business incidental to the time between seasons, and holders of all kinds of leather maintain quotations as firmly as ever.

Compared with some Decembers the current demand would be considered an active one. Sample shoes are in preparation and a goodly amount of stock is wanted for the purpose. The market is strongly upheld, therefore, with a view to impressing upon manufacturers the importance of obtaining good prices for their finished product.

The wage question is a possible future factor in the situation. So many advances in other lines of manufacturing have taken place lately that the problem is likely to come up in the leather industries, as well as in cotton and woolen mills. This would add to the cost of shoes to the jobbers and shrewd buyers are paying ruling prices more readily than they would if this contingency did not appear among the possibilities of the near future.

MONTHLY SOCIAL

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE Y. W. C. A.

The monthly social at the Y. W. C. A. room was attended by many young women last night. There was a pleasant little program, including readings by Miss Gertrude Elmund, songs by Mrs. Nichols of the Eliot church choir, and piano solos by Mrs. Nellie Hamilton Taylor. Refreshments were served under the direction of the social committee.

ENJOYABLE BANQUET

OF L. H. S. FOOTBALL TEAM AND ITS FRIENDS.

Last evening, the members of the Lowell High school football team and a few friends held a banquet at D. L. Page's. The party sat down about 7 o'clock and among those present were: Messrs. Ralph Hayden, Morris Butterfield, John Davis, Arthur Conklin, Frank Seamel, Charles Stevens, Russell Morrill, Willard Morrison, Frank O'Sullivan, Fred Meredith, Robert White, Luther Faulkner, David O'Brien, Carl Staples, John Frost, Mr. Cyrus W. Irish, Mr. F. W. Sherburne, Mr. Carl Rorit, Mr. Thomas Nesmith, Mr. John Rogers and Mr. Joan Denny were invited guests.

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The question that has been so fully discussed the past few years, "What shall millionaires do with their money?" has in many instances been nobly answered. In many large cities throughout the country, capitalists are using their money for the establishment and maintenance of just such institutions as the Ayer Home.

The charity represented by the Ayer Home has been generously remembered in this distribution of wealth. For instance the late Mrs. Josephine Ayer and her son, Frederick F. Ayer, have given the large and commodious stone house overlooking the Merrimack river on Pawtucket street and which was for so many years the home of the Ayer family. The gift made it possible for the directors and patrons to greatly extend their work and to furnish accommodations for large numbers, but children must be clothed and fed as well as sheltered. In her will, Mrs. Ayer bequeathed the sum of $100,000 as a fund for the Ayer Home, a most worthy donation. This will enable the directors and patrons of the Home to carry on what they undertook to do.

This institution has not always been known as the Ayer Home. It was formerly known as the Home for Young Women and Children and was located at 10 John street. But seven years ago Mrs. Ayer made a gift of the stone house on Pawtucket street and the name of the institution was changed to the Ayer Home for Young Women and Children in honor of the donor of the new and more commodious home. And it has since been known as the Ayer Home and probably will until it ceases to exist.

It will no doubt be of interest to the readers to know how the children at this institution pass their time. At present no young women are sheltered at the home, although at various times in past years there have been large numbers of them. The total number of children is 38, of which two-thirds are girls and one-third boys. They are a bright-appearing and healthy lot and all appear to be happy and contented. Everything is done at the institution to make it home-like for the children, and in this respect Mrs. Rouviere, the matron, her assistant and the other attendants have in no small degree met with gratifying success.

The largest number that has ever been sheltered at the Home at one time was 66. That was about seven years ago. That stands as the highest mark ever reached. The ages of the children range from three to fifteen years, and a remarkable feature is the fact that in eight years only one death has occurred at the Home, one child, a boy dying a year ago last July. That is certainly a remarkably low death record.

Most of the children are up mornings shortly after 7 o'clock. They have breakfast and are then got ready for school. They all attend the Bartlett school on Wannalancit street, not a very great distance from the Home. They return to the institution for dinner and then go back to school for the afternoon.

When school is over, the children immediately return to the Home and from 4 o'clock to 5.30, enjoy themselves playing. If the weather permits either in summer or winter, they are allowed to go into the yard on the west side of the stone house where there is a swing and a large box of dirt and plenty of space for the little ones to enjoy themselves and you should see the fun they have. When the weather is disagreeable, the children can have their fun just the same. They have two spacious play rooms, one for those under 10 years and the other for those over that age. They are provided with blocks and toys of all descriptions and they make things quite merry during playtime. They play all kinds of games one can think of. The little ones are already preparing their Christmas tree which will be a beauty.

It should not be understood that between the hours of 4 and 5.30 every afternoon except Sunday the children are obliged to stay in the play rooms. That would be absurd. They are permitted to go to any part of the house without restriction.

At 5.30 they have supper and all under 10 are supposed to have retired before 7. The older children, however are allowed to remain up until 9 o'clock. The boys read and the girls sew and crochet. That is the day's routine at the Ayer Home. On Sunday the children attend the John Street Congregational church in a body and they also attend Sunday school at the same church. They are always accompanied to church by one of the attendants at the institution. Returning from the church they spend the afternoon or at least a good part of it in the drawing room where they sing hymns and give recitations and also receive the religious instruction from the matron or her assistant. Sunday evening, the children devote their time to reading.

Much of the success that has attended the Ayer Home is due in no small measure to the industrious and painstaking matron, Mrs. A. G. Rouviere, who is well fitted in every way for the important position she holds; and who has made a host of friends since coming to Lowell twelve and one-half years ago. She came as matron of the Home when it was located on John street and has been connected with it continuously since. It will be to the advantage of the institution that she should continue in charge of its affairs. Mrs. Rouviere was connected with similar institutions for many years previous to her coming to this city. The matron has an able assistant in her daughter, Miss Jessie M. Rouviere, who is equally untiring in her efforts to make the children as happy as possible.

The interests of the institution are looked after by a board of directors and patrons composed of Lowell's best known people.

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CARNEGIE-BORDEN

Comparison Made by Fiber and Fabric

The Fibre and Fabric says:

While Carnegie extracts millions from his employes and donates libraries to different towns, without a word M. C. D. Borden of Fall River voluntarily adds 10 per cent. to the wages of 2700 employes. In doing this, he has conferred more real happiness than if he had donated a library to every town in Massachusetts, for there is more virtue in a barrel of flour in a poor man's family than in a ton of books. Carnegie believes that he is building monuments to himself when he builds libraries with the money which belongs to his workmen. Men who earn the money to build libraries never enter them. There is library enough in a Sunday paper to stagger most men and it is delivered to the poor man's door for a nickel. The operatives and business men of Fall River are not asking why Mr. Borden made the advance nor do they care. They know that it means $20,000 a week extra in wages for 30,000 operatives in that city and nearly $75,000 per week extra for the 100,000 textile operatives of New England. A more genuinely handsome Thanksgiving offering could not be conceived. Employers who would like to feel what it is to be in heaven can experience a little of that feeling by giving to employes a little more of the money that they earn. What is the use of piling up million upon million, for if such men go to a church and believe the doctrine they must know that if they took the millions with them they would melt and spoil their new shroud. No man can own wealth; some men are given more to care for than other men, and the man who hands it to the poor lends to the Lord and is paid back with interest; he who gives to a college raddles a curse upon the people.

NEW LIBRARY

WAS DEDICATED IN HOPEDALE YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HOPEDALE, Mass., Dec. 15.—The Bancroft Memorial Library erected at a cost of $50,000 and presented to the town of Hopedale by Joseph B. Bancroft, was publicly dedicated yesterday afternoon. Rev. L. G. Wilson offered prayer and made a brief address, after which a letter of presentation from Mr. Bancroft was read and the library formally accepted by Edward L. Osgood, chairman of the committee appointed by the town.

The library was given by Mr. Bancroft in memory of his wife, Sylvia T. Bancroft. The building is of pure white granite of modified old English style of architecture.

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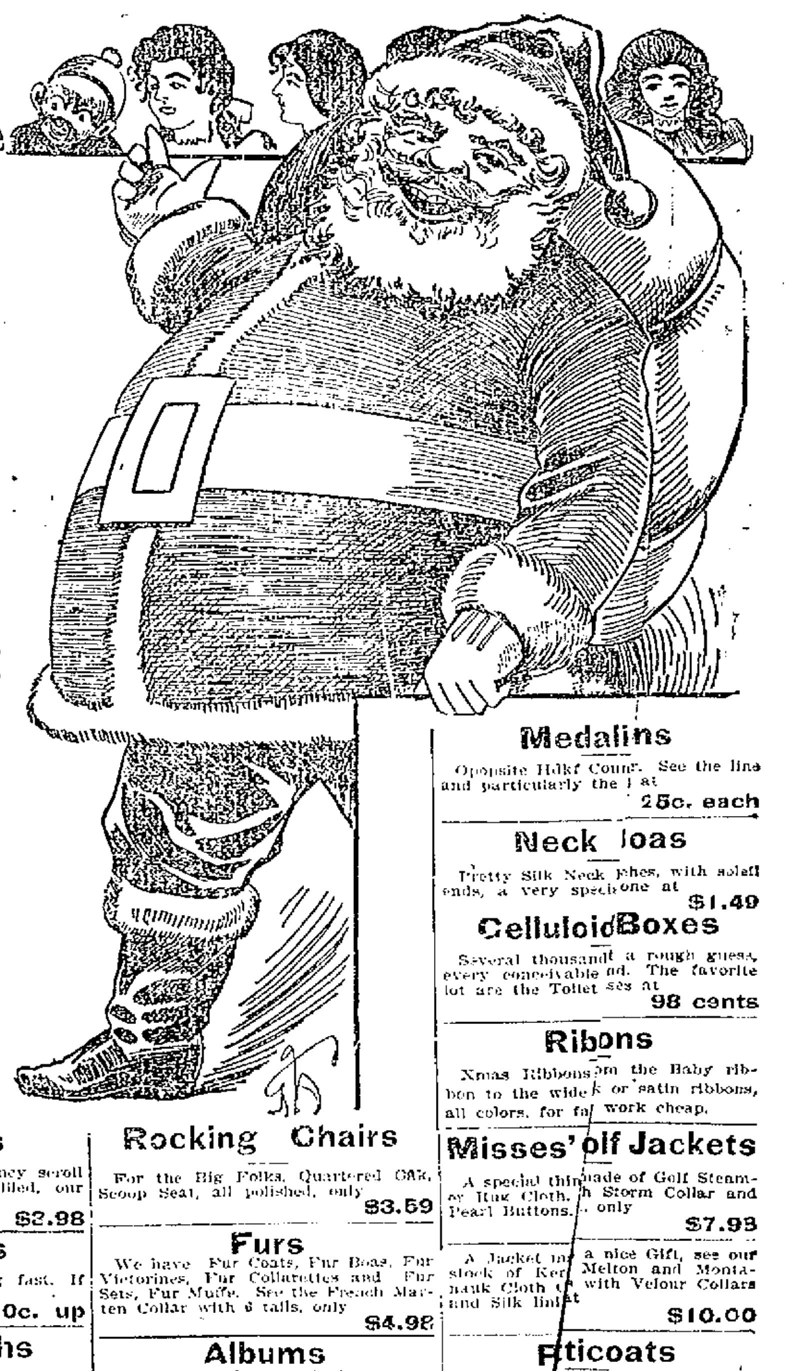

A TREMENDOUS CROWD!

While the "Big Folks" were being enthused by the election returns on Tuesday evening, we suspect that the "Little Folks" were dreaming of the coming of Santa Claus to our store on Wednesday.

His Honor retained the chair, and judging by the immense concourse of both young and old to our store Tuesday, Santa Claus retains his popularity. We wish to make a suggestion, viz: That children be sent in the forenoon if they come alone, as only those accompanied by parents or some grown person will be allowed to visit in the afternoon. We do this for two reasons: First, to avoid the tremendous crowds during afternoon shopping hours; second, in justice to ourselves, as a good many dollars' worth of goods were destroyed in the jam of Wednesday.

YOURS TRULY, THE BON MARCHE DRY GOODS CO.

N. B.—Santa Claus will appear in our Toy Window and on his balcony (second floor) in the afternoon, so all the boys and girls CAN SEE HIM FROM THE STREET.

Handkerchiefs. See our Big thing in Scallop Emb. H. S. Hdkfs., also Lace trimmed at 15c. each

Aprons. A special! Lace and hamburg trimmed, with Insertion flounce Bib at 39c. each

Dolls. Little beauties, all dressed complete same as a being. A grand lot at 49 cents

Doll Carriages. The ones that the children will not give up when they once see them. The price only 25 cents

Gloves. Makes a nice gift, a Pair of Kid Gloves, ours especially, in the fancy back, 2 and 3 clasp, all new shades heavy fancy point, 98c. pair

Stationery. The kind that our prices move at. Big thing at 10 cents. Fancy Boxes with ribbon bows.

Xmas Mixture. Special at our Candy Dept. Xmas mixtures at only 8 1-3c. lb.

Xmas Slippers. We have a very fine line. Our special is Ladies and Gents' fancy Slippers at 98 cents

Umbrellas. Always make nice Xmas Gifts. A manufacturers samples of high grade Umbrellas, worth as high as $5.00 for $3.98

Toy Trunks. Hundreds of Trunks, all sizes, all kinds. See the special one with tray complete, only 25 cents

Xmas Tree Ornaments. Brilliant beyond description, all sizes, shapes and shades. The big lot at 10c. doz.

Pipes. Real French Briar Pipe, with round leather case, plush lined, C. P. F. Mfr., only 98 cents

Suspenders. An acceptable Gift always. We've a fine line in the lot at 25 cents

Reception Chairs. Gilt with Silk Brocatelle upholstery, warranted not to tarnish, see the ones at $3.98

Shoes. The 2 greatest lines in America The "Sorosis," The "Queen Quality." $3.50 and $3 respectively

Doll Pianos. A Big Ass't, all sizes in Ebony and White and Gold, see the dainty one at 25 cents

Toy Banks. An immense line of Banks from 5c up. See the lot with combination safe at 25 cents

Sleds. What the Boys will need soon, strong single sleds, made to stand banging, only 25 cents

Pocketbooks. An excellent Pocket Book in various leathers, all new colors and black, choice 49 cents

Neckwear. New Fall Neckties in Imperials, Tecks and Puffs, all silk, silk-lined, 49 cents

Silverware. About $200 worth of warranted goods, suitable for Xmas presents.

Books. A complete stock of Holiday Books. Discounts to Sunday schools, etc. See the Poets with padded covers, 59 cents

Towels. Sensible for a Xmas Present. All linen, fringed Damask Towels, only 18c. each

Children's Chairs. Prettily Upholstered in Plush and Velour. See the lot at $1.98

Aprons. Xmas Aprons, the latest thing in the Bib with lace and hamburg trimmed, only 25 cents

Armlets. Something the men always appreciate. We are selling 25c ones, put up in glass boxes, for 19c. a pair

Jewelry. More Jewelry than most stores. See our new novelties at 25 cents. Brooch Pins, Stick Pins, etc.

Express Wagons. Well built Wagons in all sizes, made to stand the Boys rough usage. See the 25c. ones

Doll Swings. Made by the Indians in all colors. A big thing for 25 cents

Leggings. We have all kinds, all sizes, all lengths for women and children. See our leader, misses at 98 cents

Diaries. For 1900, all sizes, all shapes, all prices, from 10c. to 98c. Paper and Leather Covers.

Trimmed Hats. Make your wife a present of a $5.00 Hat, which we are selling at $3.98

Ebony Sets (Sterling Silver Mounted). Toilet Sets, Gents' Military Brushes, Nut Pick and Nut Cracker Sets, Cream Jars and Puff Box s, etc., prices O. K.

Fancy China. An immense line of Cups and Saucers, fancy plates, Lamps and Bread-Bims, See the Pretty Cake plates and Salad Dishes, hand decorated and gold stippled at 49 cents

Bed Puffs. Fine Satine Bed Puffs, fancy scroll stitch, snow flake cotton filled, our price, $2.98

Calendars. For 1900. They are going fast. If you want one come quick. 10c. up

Table Cloths. Xmas Cloths in sets or separate, a special Irish Linen Pattern Cloth at $2.00 (Napkins to match if needed.)

Rocking Chairs. For the Big Folks, Quartered Oak, Scoop Seat, all polished, only $3.59

Furs. We have Fur Coats, Fur Boas, Fur Victorines, Fur Collarettes and Fur Sets, Fur Muffs. See the French Marten Collar with 6 tails, only $4.98

Albums. Not a very large stock, but a very fine assortment of all the new things, prices begin at 25 cents

Medalins. Opposite Hdkf Count. See the line and particularly the 1 at 25c. each

Neck Boas. Pretty Silk Neck Ruches, with soleil ends, a very special one at $1.49

Celluloid Boxes. Several thousand at a rough guess, every conceivable kind. The favorite lot are the Toilet Sets at 98 cents

Ribbons. Xmas Ribbons from the Baby ribbon to the widest silk or satin ribbons, all colors, for fancy work cheap.

Misses' Golf Jackets. A special thing made of Golf Steamer Rug Cloth, with Storm Collar and Pearl Buttons, only $7.98

A Jacket is a nice Gift, see our stock of Kersey, Melton and Montanak Cloth Coats with Velour Collars and Silk lined at $10.00

Petticoats. A Gift appreciated always. The Imported Mercerized Cloth Petticoats at $3.98

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VERY SUSPICIOUS

Montreal Is a Afraid of American Speculators

THINKS THEY ARE AFTER HER GRAIN TRADE

Wary of a Buffalo Syndicate's Offer

By Associated Press to The Sun.

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—Quebec and the other shipping ports of the St. Lawrence below Montreal are laughing at the airs assumed by the latter port toward a number of Buffalo capitalists, who propose to do an enormous grain shipping busines there. The propositon of this American syndicate is on so vast a scale that the Montrealers are afraid to commit themselves to its acceptance lest it should be found to conceal a plot for the destruction of their port. The simple proposal of the Buffalo capitalists headed by Mr. W. J. Connors, who controls most of the Buffalo elevators, is to do a large part of their grain shipping business from Montreal instead of from Buffalo.

The Connors syndicate has interested a number of Canadians in its scheme by taking in some of the prominent members of the governing party here. They ask for space in the harbor of Montreal to build a number of elevators, being about one-fifth of the entire harbor space and that portion of it which is so situated, according to the opponents of the scheme, as to control the trade of Canada's canal system.

The syndicate offers to guarantee to bring 35,000,000 bushels of wheat annually to Montreal, which at present exports only about 11,000,000 bushels annually.

The Montreal harbor commission was about to agree to this arrangement last week, when vigorous opposition arose on the ground that the syndicate from Buffalo was endeavoring to secure a controlling interest in the harbor of Montreal for the purpose of killing its trade. Indeed, Mr. Alexander McFee, president of the Montreal Corn exchange, does not hesitate to declare that a gigantic trust of American railways is at the back of the Connors elevator scheme, and plots, by expending a million or so of money, to close up the St. Lawrence route as far as competing with these roads and New York and Boston in the grain carrying trade is concerned.

The plan of the railways, he says, is to maintain Buffalo as the great grain distributing center, and govern the rates from that city to the sea, which are threatened to be disturbed, by the recent competition, at a cost of $80,000,000, of the Canadian canal system.

It is urged that the American railways controlling the trust, running to the seaboard and handling vast quantities of grain, for which they receive four cents a bushel, view with alarm the opening of the Canadian canal system in its enlarged form, which will enable grain to be shipped from the west to Montreal for two cents a bushel, and have resolved to offer close competition in this quarter by the expenditure of an odd million or two of dollars through Connors and his syndicate. If they can obtain possession of the commanding sites in the port of Montreal.

A few years ago the people of Montreal would have jumped at such an offer as that of Mr. Connors and his syndicate, but just now they appear so satisfied that within the next two years they will be handling 150,000,000 bushels of wheat a year by keeping the trade in their own hands that they have become firmly convinced that the Connors syndicate is simply acting for New York railways and Boston elevators in order to keep up earnings and protect Buffalo as the great distributing centre.

So suspicious are they of Yankee trusts and of the American desire to get the vast advantages of their newly and expensively enlarged canal system that they are unable to realize the possibility of the Buffalo syndicate doing legitimate ship business in Montreal and finding a sufficient inducement for so doing in the difference of two cents a bushel in the cost of shipping grain by rail to New Yorrk or Boston and by water to Montreal.

If the syndicate's offer should be finally rejected by Montreal it may be repeated to Quebec, where a speedy acceptance awaits it.

LOTTERY SCHEME

Postmasters Instructed About Such Mail

The November Postal Guide is in the hands of postmasters and other government officials throughout the country, and it contains some information which will be valuable to the public in sending and receiving mails.

The acting postmaster general calls attention to a foreign lottery company which has been working more or less mischief in this country. Here is the vigorous language he uses on the subect: "It having been made to appear to the postmaster general upon evidence satisfactory to him that W. Fodor & Co., Buda Pesth, Germany, are engaged in conducting a scheme for the distribution of money by lot or chance through the mail. Under authority of the law in the case the postmaster-general forbids you to forward any postal money order drawn to the order of said W. Fodor & Co., and you are hereby directed to inform the remitter of any such postal money order that payment thereof has been forbidden, and that the amount thereof will be returned on presentation of a duplicate money order applied for and obtained under the regulations of the department. And you are hereby instructed to return all letters, whether registered or not, and other mail matter which shall arrive at your office directed to the said firm to the postmaster at the offices at which they were originally mailed, to be delivered to the senders thereof with the word 'fraudulent' plainly written or stamped upon the outside of such letters or matter."

At first and second class post offices the postmaster, assistant, clerk or letter carrier when not on regular tours of duty, or other salaried employes of any post office is authorized to deliver special delivery matter and receive the lawful fees thereof.

Postmasters at international money order offices are notified that owing to the war now in progress in South Africa, money orders cannot be delivered in the Transvaal or Orange Free State, and orders payable in those places must not, therefore, be issued until further notice is received from the department.

Rev. S. Hartwell Pratt, the evangelist, was called to his home in Springfield by a telegram announcing the death of his mother.

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WATER VERY LOW

Nashua Mills Depending on the Stream

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NASHUA, Dec. 15.—The recent drought and the resulting low water in the Nashua river has affected the Nashua and Jackson mills of this city to considerable extent and were it not for the excellent steam plants, the mills would have to practically suspend operations.

Superintendent Hussey of the Nashua Manufacturing company said: "The water in the Nashua river is very low for this time of year and if we had to depend entirely on water for motive power we would be seriously handicapped. At the present time we can depend on but between 800 and 500 horse power from our water sources. This is very unusual for this time of the year as we generally look upon the winter season to furnish us with the greatest water power. The conditions are vastly different from a year ago. Then all of our seven turbine wheels were in operation and scarcely any steam was used."

Questioned in regard to the success of water as a motive power for manufacturing establishments at the present time, Mr. Hussey was of the opinion that water was all right in its place but there is great necessity that it be backed up by a steam plant. Continuing he said: "I do not believe we will be able to utilize the entire capacity of our water plant this winter at least. Before the partial diversion of the headwaters of the Nashua river a few years ago by the Metropolitan Water company of Boston, there was little trouble in getting a copious water supply, but with the changed conditions the prospects are pretty slim.

DEEPENING HARBOR

SALEM ALDERMEN ADOPT RESOLUTIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SALEM, Dec. 15.—At the last meeting of the board of aldermen a resolution was adopted, co-operating with the petition of vessel owners and business men, to congress, asking for an appropriation to defray the expenses of deepening the harbor. Attention was called to the necessity of improving the harbor to meet the demands of commerce. Nearly 2000 vessels arrive at this port annually, a considerable number being steamers of large tonnage.

The order prohibiting all persons not duly authorized to inspect bills and books, adopted at the last meeting, was refused reconsideration.

An order was submitted favoring a reduction of 25 per cent. on all salaries exceeding $1000 per annum. This was laid on the table.

CHAMPNEY'S PAINTINGS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The paintings of Mr. Benjamin Champney, the well-known landscape painter, are to be sold by auction at Leonard & Co.'s gallery today, and tomorrow. There are 138 examples, which include landscapes, fruit pieces, flowers, etc.

Mr. Champney is one of the old-time artists and began to study his profession early in life. By the advice of Washington Allston he went to Paris in 1841. He followed the life classes and studied the great masters in the galleries of the Louvre. He exhibited paintings in the salons of 1844-45. He sailed for Boston in 1846, returning to Paris in 1847, where he studied the scenery of the river from Cologne to Mayence in company with W. A. Gay.

In 1855 he spent the summer in Brittany in company with Robert Wylie, Earl Shinn, Howard Roberts and others. His studio in North Conway is a noted resort and is visited by people from all parts of the country.

The collection contains many fine sketches of White mountain scenery, while his flower pieces are charming in execution and design. His pictures are now on exhibition.

McHENRY TO WALK.

The Twilight club of Lawrence will hold a dance and smoke talk in Saunders hall Friday evening, December 22. The cake walk will be between Thos. McHenry and John Barron for the championship of New England.

BILLERICA CENTRE

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT UNITARIAN FAIR.

There was a larger attendance at the second night of the Unitarian society fair than on the previous evening. A salad supper, followed by an entertainment, was served by the ladies:

Mrs. W. D. Fitch and Mrs. Edward Stearns had charge of the supper with the following named ladies assisting on tables: Mrs. Louise and Edith Hawes, Miss Lottie Cowdrey, Miss Annie Fitch, Miss Myra Bigelow, Mrs. Jos. Jaquith and Mrs. Sarah Hawes.

The entertainment was furnished by the Billerica orchestra under direction of Herbert Handley, and Mr. Simonds also favored with several piano selections.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the First Baptist church held their annual sale and entertainment in the vestry of the church yesterday afternoon and evening.

Fancy articles were on sale after 3 o'clock and supper was served from 6 to 8. The vestry was decorated with hemlock branches, evergreen, palms and ferns from Mrs. Dimock.

Songs, Samuel Stott and Miss Annie Wain; also selections by a chorus; recitations, Miss Jessie Allen and Miss Agnes Allen; harmonica trio, the Messrs. Butterfield; readings, Henry Brown and Miss Sadie Bainforth; harmonica solo, John Merrill.

Mrs. Harry Arnold was accompanist.

The following named ladies had charge of the various tables:

Fancy table, Mrs. Thayer, Mrs. Wallis Stackpole and Miss Lizzie Bainforth.

Candy table, Miss Gladys Chapman and Miss Florence Young.

Postal table, Mrs. Alexander Parris.

Ice Cream, Mrs. D. H. Dimock, Miss Alice Whitaker and Miss Bertha Taylor.

A PINK PARTY

HELD AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB LAST EVENING.

A "pink" party was the attraction for about 51 couples at the Highland club hall last night. Those who were not fortunate enough to have a pink were not allowed to dance, but every one was well supplied. J. S. Hanson was the floor director and his aids were: David Moore, George Runels, Herbert C. Taft, George Sargent, Alex. Green, Thomas Murphy. Dancing lasted from 8 until 12, with an intermission for refreshments served by the D. L. Page company. Hibbard's orchestra furnished the music for dancing.

MINISTERS CONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate yesterday confirmed the following nominations:

To be United States ministers: William P. Lord of Oregon, to the Argentine Republic; Herbert W. Bowen of New York to Persia; Arthur S. Hardy of New York to Greece, Roumania and Servia; Lawrence Townsend of Pennsylvania to Belgium; Bellamy Storer of Ohio to Spain; John N. Irwin of Iowa to Portugal.

HOLIDAY DOLL CARRIAGES.

We are giving away to Christmas a doll carriage with a pound of tea and coffee. Dickson Bros. The Big Tea Dealers, 18 Merrimack street.

A SAD ROMANCE

Arthur Mason to Pay Porter's Debts

AND MARRY THE LATTER'S SISTER

Mason to Make $250,000 in Speculation

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—To cancel a debt of honor and to win the girl he loves. Arthur Mason, a young man of this city, has set out to win $250,000 in speculation in six months. Nearly three of those months have elapsed and so far he has been successful.

He has wrested nearly $150,000 from the exchanges, from bucketshops and from the pits, but he will not stop. He plunges with the delirium of a crazy man, apparently, without method, but one day he won as high as $15,000. Twice he has been down to less than $10.

"I will get it," he declares—"I will!" Mason is 25 years old, quiet, smooth-faced and cool as an icicle.

Mason wants the money to repay the sum his friend, Horace L. Porter, lost in speculation two years ago. He has determined to repay this and then he will marry Alva Porter, his friend's sister. He regards the money as a debt of honor and will not marry until it is paid.

Arthur Mason is the son of Elias Mason, the head of a large shipping business on the great lakes. The young man has determined that, alone and unaided, he will make his own fortune.

While Mason was at Princeton he met Horace L. Porter, a quiet, mild-mannered youth of a rather retiring disposition. Porter was of the sort that is susceptible to a man of strong personality. So it was that, despite the extreme difference in their physical and mental compositions, a strong attachment sprang up between the two young men, which strengthened as time wore on.

It was at Porter's western home that Mason first met sweet-faced little Alva Porter. The girl, like her brother, became enraptured with the air of reckless bohemianism which Mason habitually assumed. In less than three months' time the girl, but 19 years old, had given her promise to Mason that she would become his wife.

Porter suggested to his friend that they go into business together. The offer was accepted. In less than a year Porter's inheritance of $250,000 had dwindled to about $10,000. Mason would not ask his father for assistance and Porter refused to write his mother for money, and thus, it was that at the outbreak of the recent war with Spain Porter was working as a clerk in a Boston dry goods store, while Mason earned a sort of livelihood as a board marker in a Boston bucketshop. When President McKinley issued his call for volunteers, Arthur Mason and Horace Porter were among the first to present themselves for enrollment on the books of the Ninth regiment of Massachusetts volunteers.

Mason went from choice; Porter because his friend enlisted. They went to Cuba. Mason, strong of physique, withstood the awful ordeal, but Porter, always delicate in health, quickly began to feel the effects of the climate.

He became ill and was removed to the hospital. Mason begged to be allowed to go with his friend, and the request was granted. Porter was unable to resist the tropical fever and in a few days was dead. Mason cared for Porter as tenderly as a mother would a sick child.

Upon his return from Cuba almost the first one to meet him at Montauk Point was his father. An affecting scene followed.

For the past few months Mason has been living in this city. He has made the statement that as he lost his father's money by speculation he will continue speculating until he finds it again.

During all this time Alva Porter has written many letters. She urges him to abandon his self-imposed task and marry her. She waits for him to say the word, and yet he refuses till he has accomplished his purpose of securing $250,000.

FATALLY BURNED

CHILD WAS PLAYING WITH PAPER NEAR STOVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15.—William Dorney, two and a half years old, was fatally burned this afternoon at his home on Little street. The child was playing with paper at a stove and set fire to his clothing. There is no hope for his recovery.

OXFORD CLUB

OPEN THEIR SECOND SEASON OF SOCIAL DANCES.

The second season of parties of the Oxford club was opened last evening at Prescott hall by a social and dance. The American orchestra furnished music for the 150 couples present. The officers were: General manager, Geo. W. Harper; assistant, John J. Riley; floor director, Hector Nichols; assistant, Frank B. Whitcher; chief aid, Robert Parker; aids, Gilbert Whitcher, William Maddocks, Patrick Royal, John Kane, Omer Lacole, Alex. Duchaim, William Bowes, George Jaques; reception committee, Thomas Allen, David Rowe, James Moylon, John Conley, Albert Bernard, John Mahan, Fred Kaneda, Arthur Burnhart, Louis Leclair, Carl Chandler.

CARGO OF MAIL

THE LARGEST FROM EUROPE AT BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—What is claimed to be the largest single consignment of mail from Europe to this country was brought to this port by the Dominion liner New England last night. She signalled the Associated Press marine observer at Highland light, shortly after six o'clock and then proceeded across Massachusetts bay to quarantine in Boston harbor. Arriving there at 8.30, where the mail was sent to the city. The amount of foreign mail handled last night broke all records at the Boston post office. While only a small portion of it stayed here, the bulk of 2034 sacks has yet to be forwarded to New York and the west. The mail is mostly of a Christmas nature. The New England's heavy cargo of mail is due to the British government chartering so many vessels for transports.

MONTHLY DANCE.

The Associate club held its regular monthly dance last night at Pilgrim hall. Lew's orchestra furnished the music and the officers were: General manager, Mr. Lewis Anderson; assistant, Mr. Arthur Moore; matrons, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. Marsh.

Have You Seen the Great Display of

CHRISTMAS GOODS

OF ALL KINDS AT

J. DRAIN'S NEW STORES, 83 to 89 Gorham St.

It is simply grand, everything is new, everything is lovely and everything is more than reasonable in prices. Why, the doll you can get at Drain's for 23c, down town they ask you 38c.

Drain Dolls for 49c, others ask 75c. Drain Dolls for 75c, others ask $1.00.

Drain Dolls for 98c, others ask $1.49.

Just see them, they are something elegant, all kinds, sleeping dolls for 25c, dressed in boxes.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 25c, kid body.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 49c, kid body, worth 75c, and every price of a doll you can think of.

Handkerchiefs, all prices, largest line in city. See their window.

Jewelry pocketbooks, fancy toilet and miniature set of all kinds, silk and linen initial Handkerchiefs, 5c up to 49c, great values in white aprons. Our line is very much larger than ever before. Special value in very fine goods for 25c, 38c and 49c, worth at least 50 per cent. more than we ask.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR GENT'S FURNISHING window loaded with Gent's fine neckwear of the very highest grade, thousands of different styles for 23c, others ask 38c for no better.

Almost 100 Dozen of the finest goods ever shipped into Lowell and in an endless variety of styles and colors we are selling for 47c. You can't match them in Lowell for less than 75c or 98c, think of what you are saving on this item alone. See our window.

To the people of Lowell and surrounding towns that have not seen our new store be sure you visit us now, every article in our store is a bargain, everything in our four large windows is lovely, everything you buy from us is right, if not we will make it right, fair, square dealing with the people has placed us where we are today, second to none in Lowell for giving the people great values. We buy for cash, we sell for cash, and we are the only one price Dry and Fancy Goods Store in Lowell.

J. DRAIN, 83 to 89 Gorhrm St.

Why? Why?

Is the question of all the ladies that come to our store. Why do you advertise? We think that your low prices ought to bring all the ladies of the town to your store. That's a fact and that is just why we advertise to let them know where to come.

It is at 113 Gorham street, one minutes' walk from post office, where the expenses are also low.

Jackets from $2.98 to $18.50; Capes from $2.98 to $9.98; Suits from $5.00 to $10.00; Skirts from 98c. to $5.00; Waists from 50c. to $7.50; Collarettes from $2.65 to $9.50; Fur Scarfs from 98c. to $7.50; Wrappers from 49c. to $1.75; Petticoats from 25c. to $4.00.

COOPER'S Cozy Cloak and Suit Store, 113 Gorham St., one Minute's Walk From P. O.

LARD.

IN ORIGINAL PACKAGES FOR

Friday and Saturday

OF THIS WEEK.

10 lb. tub Lard 75c.
10 lb. pail " 75c.
5 " " " 40c.
3 " " " 25c.
1 "package" 9c.

REMEMBER THE DAYS.

F. H. HODGES CO.

Old Boston & Maine, Station, Central St.

CREDIT TO ALL. Useful Presents

WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EASY AND COMFORTABLE FOR YOU AND OUR SPECIAL TERMS ARE BOUND TO MEET WITH HEARTY RESPONSE AT A TIME WHEN EVERYBODY IS INTERESTED IN HAVING A DOLLAR GO A LONG WAY.

PRACTICAL PEOPLE TURN ASIDE FROM THE TRIFLING NOTHING AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS WE ARE MAKING TO ENCOURAGE THE BUYING OF USEFUL ARTICLES.

$ 5.00 worth of goods—	50c. down—		50c. week		
10.00 " " "	75c.	"	75c.	"	
15.00 " " "	$1.00	"	$1.00	"	
25.00 " " "	1.50	"	1.50	"	

IS THERE A NICER AND MORE USEFUL PRESENT FOR YOUR HUSBAND AND BOY THAN AN OVERCOAT OR A SUIT? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WILL PLEASE YOUR WIFE OR DAUGHTER BETTER THAN A STYLISH JACKET, A CAPE, A SKIRT, OR A TRIMMED HAT? IF YOU WANT ANY OF THESE GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, SAY SO. YOU SHALL HAVE THEM AT ONCE. YOUR BILL WILL NOT BE DUE UNTIL A LONG TIME AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK.

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ODD - FELLOWS - BLOCK
78 MIDDLESEX ST., LOWELL.

A. STRAUSS, Manager.

TRADE MARK. Palmo Tablets. HEALTH, POWER, ENERGY. stop forever all weakening drains, feed the brain, replace wasted tissues, and send rich, flesh-building blood bounding through every part of the system, making every organ act, and leaving you to glow and tingle with newly found strength. You're a new man, and can feel it! The greatest NERVE TONIC ever discovered. Palmo Tablets cure quickly and forever Nervous Debility, Varicocele, Atrophy, Loss of Memory, Sleeplessness, Dyspepsia, Kidney Disease. 50c. a box; 12 boxes (with guarantee, postage paid) $5.00. Sent any... HALSID DRUG CO., Cleveland, O.

Sold at Goodale's Drug Store, the best and cheapest place in Lowell for drugs and medicines, 217 CENTRAL STREET.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—16 stall boarding and baiting stable; could add sales business, three entrances, also corner; right in the heart of Boston, very low rent, long lease, a money-maker if whole time could be devoted, owner has other business, must sell at once; no reasonable cash offer refused. E. A. D., 197 Warren avenue, Boston, Mass.

FOR SALE—Pool room also cigar and tobacco stand, 132 Middlesex street, City.

FOR SALE—One Caligraph, $15.00; in first class condition; one safe in good condition, 3x4, $55.00; one roll top desk, oak, nearly new, $15.00. Inquire at Donovan and Mansur, Room 1, 26 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—Most complete line of bath cabinets in the world. One agent sold 100 in four months. Irwin Co., 123 Chambers street, New York.

FOR SALE— ... five cents at druggists. One gives relief.

FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, lots of carriage room, concrete driveway, 800 feet of land, price only $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—On Bridge street, two tenement house, 7 rooms to each tenement, price $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Gorham street, cottage house, good sized lot of land, price $800. On easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—A good place for the money, three miles from the city, 12 acres of land, 9 room house, large barn and hennery and sheds, this is a bargain, $1600. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good farm in N. H., 125 acres of land, fair buildings, 1 mile from depot, lots of wood and timber, price $700. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good boarding house, very cheap. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Westford street, cottage house and barn, price $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Christmas Toys, Dolls and Fancy Goods Wholesale at Boston Price. The Boston Store, 553 Merrimack street.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS—The most useful and desirable present is an indelible marker for linen, or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each complete, 25c. Family printing outfits, from 25c. to $2.00. Boys' handy printer, 50c. Every thing in the line of rubber stamps at wholesale prices. J. M. Fellows, 160 Merrimack street.

BROOKS & FRENCH have opened a new home bakery and cash grocery at 501 Bridge street, where they will be glad to see all their old friends and many new ones.

VONSTE, the queen of life readers and palmists is here for a short time. This gifted lady differs from all other clairvoyants and mediums—has never had a single failure. No matter what your troubles are, don't despair. Come and see this wonderful woman. She can help you. Gives advice on love, marriage, and business; tells you of friends and enemies; describes your future husband or wife; gives names and lucky days. $1 sitting for 50c. this week. Bon Marche, room D. Satisfaction guaranteed or no pay. Office hours from 10 a. m. until 9 p. m. Sundays, from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m. Take the elevator.

DON'T Patronize the Coal Trust. Buy your coal of Haley, Whidden street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c in stamps for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MONEY LOANED TO SALARIED PEOPLE AND RETAIL MERCHANTS, upon their own names, without security, easy payments. TOLMAN, room 14, Associate Building.

SPOT Cash and highest prices for secondhand furniture at 461 Merrimack street. Tel. 698-4.

WE WILL EITHER Buy or store second hand furniture at No. 50 Charles street. When we buy we pay the highest price and make a specialty of antique pieces. Will be on premises every day from 2 to 6 p. m. E. O'Hair, attorney.

We All Have Troubles

And to dispel them has been the life-study of many a philosopher. Born with a gift of foresight, combined with science enables MADAME NUGENT to clear the mist and fathom the mysterious surrounding all cases of business and matrimony with startling accuracy. She gives dates and names of absent friends; also advice on all business affairs. 352 Central street.

H-O-P-S viz H-O-P-S

Just received, 1,100 pounds of fresh, kiln-dried loose hops.

Good for Hop Beer.
Good for Hop Bread.
Good for Hop Pillows.
Good for Home Brewing

These hops are strictly first class high-grade goods, raised and cured this year, on specially prepared ground, for home use, by an expert hop grower. Place your order at once, as the amount is limited.

STILES & CO., Charles and Central Sts. Lowell.

Remember the . . WORKINGMEN'S SHOE and CLOTHING STORE

24 Prescott Street,

Near Street Car Waiting Room. Open evenings.

The Latest and Best Sewing Machine is the "SINGER"

Oak, Maple and Mahogany Wood Work. Sixteen Millions of these Machines have been sold.

Needles and Parts for all kinds of Machines.

Old Machines taken in exchange.

The Singer M'f'g. Co., 175 Middlesex Street.

Christmas Candles

For Trees and Dinner Service.

Illuminated Glass Cups and Gothic Lamps.
Wax Night Lights,
German Floats,
Gas Tapers and Holders,
Bobeches,
Candle Shades and Shade Holders.

C. B. COBURN & CO., 63 Market Street.

WANTED.

SOLICITOR WANTED—... the New England Cotton Journal of Fall River, Mass., needs a good, responsible subscription solicitor. Will pay a good salary to the right man. Address New England Cotton Journal, Fall River, Mass.

WANTED—Young man as office clerk, typewriter and stenographer who owns his machine. Give age, previous experience and references. Address D., Sun Office.

WANTED—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "Typewriting," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 500, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere or vicinity to mind a baby daytime. Apply M, Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address K, Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Dons, 155 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

WANTED— Old and young men to bring their old hats to Delorme, the hatter, the only hater in town where they make hats to order. 261 Middlesex street.

CALL AT GONZALES, the Cutler, 124 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—A lodging or boarding house. Inquire at 157 Appleton street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. G. Beharrell, Room 8, Bon Marche Block.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A pair gold bowed glasses on Broadway, between Lowell hosiery and White street. Finder please leave at Lowell hosiery or 611 Merrimack street and be rewarded.

FOUND—A sum of money. Inquire at Sun office.

LOST—A cloth bag with papers of no value except to owner; also a package containing carving knife and fork. Return to 42 Fletcher street and get reward.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 21 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 151 Central St. Opposite American House. COUNSELLOR—AT—LAW.

LOTHROP & CUNNINGHAM, 161 Merrimack street. PHOTOGRAPHERS

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WATER CLOSETS and bath tubs from $5 up. All first class plumbing at lowest prices. J. H. Barry, 65 Market street.

Fifteen, Twenty, and Twenty-Five Dollars are frequently paid for just the very same set of teeth that Dr. Simmons will make you for $8.00. Dr. Simmons, Dentist, 210 Central street.

LOOK OVER Our Stock of Christmas Goods

Diamonds, $12 to $300
Watches, $2.75 to $150

C. W. Durant, Central and Middle Sts., Lowell.

AS AN INVESTMENT DIAMONDS ARE MOST EXCELLENT

They never deteriorate, wear out or fall in price. They can always be realized on immediately.

When you buy jewelry, buy diamonds. When you buy diamonds, come here. Then you'll be sure you get what you pay for and that you pay no more than you ought to.

GRANT'S The Reliable Jeweller, No. 64 Merrimack Street.

HORSE BLANKETS.

W. T. S. Bartlett

The Up-Town Hardware Store.

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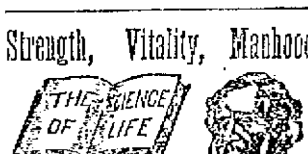
Strength, Vitality, Manhood.



THE PEABODY MEDICAL INSTITUTE No. 4 Bulfinch St, Boston, Mass.

Opp. Revere House. Established 1860.

Chief Consulting Physician (during the past 31 years), Graduate of Harvard Medical College, Class 1864. Surgeon 5th Regiment, Mass. Volunteers during war of the Rebellion. Always Cures Exhausted Vitality, Nervous and Physical Debility, Premature Decline, Varicocele, Atrophy (wasting) and all Diseases and Weaknesses of Men from whatever cause arising, whether young, middle-aged or old. Consultation in person or by letter from 9 to 6. Sundays 10 to 1. The Diagnostician, or Know Thyself Manual, a vade mecum of medical science, with unqualified endorsements and testimonials, price $1, but sent free, sealed, to every male reader mentioning this paper and 6 cts. enclosing 6c. for postage. SEND NOW. Inviolable secrecy.

Peter J. Brady, Grocer.

NEW STORE: Cor. Gorham and South Highland Streets

Choice Teas, Coffees, and Spices

Try our New Brands of Flour, the Best in the City, "The King Arthur," "Crown of Gold," and Banquet."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.
The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

DOUBLE TURKEY ROASTERS.
Our usual Thanksgiving offer with a pound of tea and coffee is a large size double turkey roaster. Be sure and get one. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 25 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.
It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 8 Merrimack square. Telephone 6-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

Try Horne's Coal.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Hot advertising—Stanley's Coal.

Have you had Pelham cigars?

Go to Devine's for trunks, 88 Mer'k.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 354-4.

Globes, Fixtures, Lamps, etc. Sweeney & Welch, 262 Mid'x St. Tel. 538-6.

PASSED THROUGH LOWELL.
A special train from Boston passed through this city soon after 6 o'clock last evening, carrying the Christian Scientists to Concord, N. H., where a lecture was given by Judge Ewing of Chicago. The train stopped in this city to take on local Scientists.

PAPER ON THIBET READ.
The Ladies' Missionary society of the First Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Putnam, 126 Middlesex street. Mrs. F. A. Warfield presided and Miss Thomas, the church missionary, read a paper on Thibet.

MANY BISHOPS APPOINTED.
By Associated Press to The Sun.
ROME, Dec. 15.—At the consistory held yesterday, the pope formally announced the appointment of a number of bishops, including that of Monsignor McEvoy to the bishopric of London, Ont., which he has been occupying since August last. The pope also announced the appointments of Mgr. Falconio, the apostolic delegate to Canada, as metropolitan of Larino, and of Monsignor Elsaux to the united sees of Sault St. Marie and Marquette.

CAR INSPECTOR

He Is an Important Individual

We are never hesitant about lauding the bravery of locomotive engineers, firemen and other trainmen, whose watchfulness and bravery preserve the lives of the traveling public. A careless moment might mean the death of scores of passengers or the destruction of much property. They deserve all the praise that can be given them. But there's another man hired by the railroad company whose duties place upon him equal responsibilities, and he's the man we seldom hear about because his work confines him to the obscurity of the railroad yards and you must go there to see him.

This man is the car inspector, and he is an interesting individual to watch. As soon as a freight or passenger train rolls into the yards he passes along the side of the cars, examining all the brake beams, wheels, rods, bolsters, etc., using no hammer, but only his well trained eyes, which quickly see a defect. Sometimes he will stop suddenly and follow the fault lines of a crack in a wheel. This is at once condemned and the car is laid aside till a new pair of wheels take the place of the old ones. A wheel is considered dangerous if it has a flat place which measures more than 2½ inches across, and is discarded. A sharp flange is another reason why a wheel must go. A coupling may be faulty or a brake appliance may be a little out of order; all these things must be looked after. Another important part of the car inspector's duty is an inspection of car doors. Defective and loose doors are dangerous things and are much dreaded by engineers and firemen, as many a man in the cab has met his death by crashing into a freight car door swinging in the wind as their train rushes past. The inspector must also watch the hopper-bottom dump car. If the fastening gets loose and allows a load of limestone or ore down onto the track, there's a bad wreck as a consequence. So it will be seen that the car inspector is one of the railroad company's most important employes and efficiency in his line comes only through careful training and long experience.

Mr. George Bryan of 76 Perry street has invented a combination window lock and burglar alarm which seems to be quite an ingenious device.

A GROUP OF CHILDREN AT THE AYER HOME—See Page Six.

LABOR MEETINGS

Weavers' Union Has a Large Membership

TROUBLE OF BOOTT SPINNERS SETTLED

Building Laborers Discuss Eight Hour Law

A regular meeting of the weavers' union was held last night in Loomfixers' hall and was largely attended. A gold ring was presented to Miss Mary Boyers as a prize for having sold the largest number of tickets for the ball recently held by the union. She turned in over $23. Thomas F. Connolly, secretary of the union, made a neat presentation speech and complimented Miss Boyers on the interest she had shown in the welfare of the union. She made a fitting response. A vote of thanks was then extended the general committee for their efforts to make the affair a success.

The financial report showed a substantial gain in membership and in the funds on hand and it was agreed that the prospect for a greater degree of success was never so bright. Already there has begun a gradual increase in membership.

Notice was received from Lonsdale, R. I., that a strike of the weavers was on, caused by a dispute over the wage schedule. Mr. Connolly was called to a meeting of the executive council to be held in Lonsdale next Sunday but on account of having previously promised to speak at a rally at the First Congregational church he will be unable to go.

Word was received that arrangements are completed for the labor rally to be held in the hall occupied by the weavers Tuesday evening next. The speakers will be D. J. Morrow, Avila Cretien of New Bedford and James Tansy of Fall River. The doors will be opened at 7 and seats will be reserved for the ladies. In addition to the speech making there will be a musical program.

It was voted to charge an admission of ten cents to the weekly dances of the union to those who are not members of the union. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the anniversary ball to be given in Associate hall, January 15.

COTTON SPINNERS.
The Spinners union held a meeting last evening, at which much time was devoted to a discussion of the new by-laws. All were accepted and adopted as far as the one relating to the dues and that with those which followed was left over until the next meeting. A delegation of the Boott spinners reported that they had had a conference with the agent in relation to the young man recently discharged and from what he had told them they were led to the belief that the trouble will be settled to the satisfaction of all parties within a few days.

BUILDING LABORERS' UNION.
At the meeting of the Building Laborers' union held last night, there was a lively discussion on the eight-hour law. Five candidates were admitted to membership. The opinion was expressed that next summer will be an opportune time to start a movement for the application of the eight-hour law to outside contracts on city work. The election of officers will occur in two weeks.

BERWIN'S NOTICE

WILL PAY HIS RESPECTS TO WOODS NEXT WEEK
By Associated Press to The Sun.
BOSTON, Dec. 15.—At the meeting of the common council a week ago a letter was read in that body from Robert A. Woods, a member of the bath commission, in which he made severe reflections upon Aldermen Barry and Berwin, in an effort to get the board to concur with the board of aldermen in the passage of the Franklin fund order. The specific reference of Mr. Woods to Mr. Berwin was that he was engaged in selling land to the city while he said Mr. Barry was engaged in buying land for the city. Mr. Woods also said the aldermen were opposed to the Franklin fund scheme because they wanted to attach a rider to the order to buy a certain piece of land for a rifle range for the city. Alderman Berwin said:

"I give notice that at the next meeting I shall pay my respects to Robert A. Woods, a member of the bath commission and in advance, I desire to say to this board and to the mayor through you, Mr. Chairman, that after the statement I shall make concerning Mr. Woods' reflection upon myself, I shall demand of His Honor the Mayor the removal of this man from the office to which he was appointed with the approval of this board. If the mayor refuses to recognize the request I shall make of him after the statement I shall make, I shall endeavor through the members of the incoming board of aldermen to urge the removal of Mr. Woods by the incoming magistrate with whom I have some little personal relations."

THE MURPHY MEN

Bounced From Boston City Hall

By Associated Press to The Sun.
BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The political headsman, to all appearances, began his work at city hall yesterday, for F. M. Gray, a clerk in the water commissioners office, Charles T. Donnelly, purchasing agent, and James H. Devereux, a messenger, were discharged because their services were no longer wanted. Their salaries totalled $1600. There were also suspended 25 inspectors in the street department. On the political aspect of the discharges, it is claimed that those men were active workers on the side of John R. Murphy in the recent city election.

SECOND CONVENTION

OF BROTHERHOOD OF M. E. CHURCHES.
By Associated Press to The Sun.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The second annual convention of the brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal church, was held here yesterday, the president Rev. Dr. T. B. Neely of Philadelphia presiding.

President Neely presented his annual report which showed that the brotherhood is in a flourishing condition.

A new constitution was adopted for the brotherhood and a new form of constitution was recommended for the local chapters.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Thomas B. Neely, Philadelphia; vice-president, Rev. A. B. Kendig, Boston; recording secretary, Rev. J. L. Atwell, Bennington, Vt.; corresponding secretary, Rev. W. W. Adams, Yalesville, Conn.; treasurer, James Davison, New York.

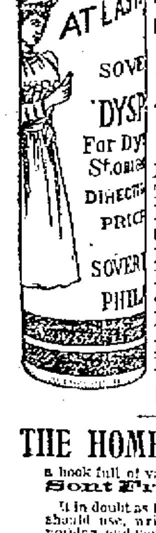
THE INCREASE

IN WAGES WILL NOT AFFECT ALL OPERATIVES.
By Associated Press to The Sun.
FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 15.—Only fifty of the 400 hands in the Barnaby Gingham mill in this city will receive the 10 per cent. granted cotton cloth operatives. The advance will not affect them because the prices for weaving at that mill are fixed at the beginning of the season. When the new makes are begun prices may be adjusted. Supt. Cook of the Kerr Thread mill is in New Jersey, where he will hold a consultation with the officials of the American Thread company relative to an advance of the wages of the 600 employes of the local thread mill.

CLASS DAY OFFICERS.
By Associated Press to The Sun.
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 15.—The elections for class day officers of the senior class at Harvard were held yesterday. The polls are open today for the election of the various committees. The officers elected are as follows: First marshal, W. A. M. Burden; second marshal, F. L. Higginson; third marshal, W. A. Beal; secretary, Spalding; orator, Holling; poet, Arensberg; ivy orator, Seasons Good; chorister, Swain.

BIG FIRE.
By Associated Press to The Sun.
BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 15.—A two-story wooden structure known as the Hall Block, at the corner of Main and Alfred streets was partly burned yesterday, causing a loss of about $5,000.

SOVEREIGN REMEDIES



Conquer all pains and diseases that the flesh is heir to.

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Have Cured Thousands. Will Cure You.

Virtue gives true reputation.

A Separate Remedy for Each Disease.

CURES

Rheumatism, Kidney Trouble, Coughs, Dyspepsia, Blood, Catarrh, Asthma, Heart, Liver, Diarrhœa, Grippe, General Debility, Malaria, Neuralgia.

Every Remedy 25c each

For Sale at All Druggists.

THE HOME TREASURE

a book full of valuable information Sent Free to any address.

If in doubt as to what remedy you should use, write us; it costs you nothing, and your case will have our careful attention.

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CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher — The Kind You Have Always Bought

Catarrh.

Mr. R. P. McAllister, Harrodsburg, Ky., says: "I employed numerous methods of local treatment for a severe case of Catarrh, but the disease grew worse steadily, getting a firmer grip on me all the time. I finally realized that this treatment did not reach the disease, and decided to try Swift's Specific,

S.S.S. For The Blood

which promptly got at the seat of the trouble, and cured me permanently."

Catarrh is a blood disease and can not be reached by sprays, inhaling mixtures, etc. S. S. S. is the only cure. Send for valuable books mailed free by Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

DAILY BARGAINS.

$100 UPRIGHT PIANO.

seven and one-third octaves. Used but little. Condition fine.

GEORGE A. GARDNER
30 PRESCOTT STREET.

PUTNAM & SON.

WHILE THIS IS NOT A WOMAN'S STORE, yet, for ten days a goodly share of our business will be done with women.

To deserve their patronage and to meet their holiday wants we've brought much here to attract them.

Acceptable, sensible articles that men and boys wish for and find useful.

Whatever we offer is good—and new and correct in fashion. Not an article to which exception can be taken by the husband, brother, son or father.

Let us remove one great element of hesitation "to buy" from the feminine mind—"Will it please him?" Make your selection, and if for any reason you'd rather return the goods, do so,—for exchange or for the price paid.

House coats and bath robes.

HOUSE COATS AND SMOKING JACKETS, a safe gift to a man—most every man enjoys a loose, comfortable garment after a hard day down town. Light weight woolen Coats and Tricots, brown and blue, finished plain or with satin piping, with satin collars and pockets, or lined throughout with quilted satins, for $6.95, $4.95 and . . . **2.95**

HOUSE COATS AND JACKETS. The new two-toned effects, plain outside, plaided inside and plaid shown at collar and cuffs. Blue, brown, gray, tan and garnet mixtures; from $7.50 and as low as **4.95**

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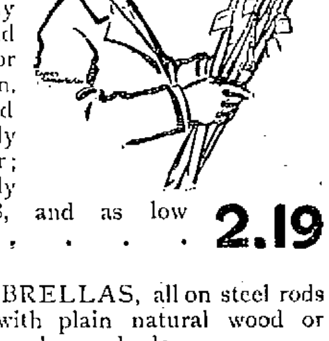
Holiday umbrellas for women and men.

An entirely new selection of umbrellas, not one of which has been shown before.

WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS, close roll, steel rod, paragon frame with silk cases and tassels. A recent purchase by which we obtained control of a large lot—all with handsome fancy handles—actual value $1.38, for only . . **98c**

WOMEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS, mounted on best quality of paragon frames, steel rods, fine silk covers and tassels. A great variety of exquisite handles, long princess or crook, in fine Box, Furze, horn, pearl and ivory, plain or with sterling silver mounts and heavy gold plate, silver deposit and hand decorated dresden, for $4.95, $3.95, $2.73, $2.19 and . . **1.47**



MEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS, in 26 and 28 inch close roll, steel rods and best paragon frames; a selection of handles handsomer than any we have ever shown; Box and Furze carefully selected for comfort in carrying, quite plain. Fine ivory, horn and selected natural wood, beautifully mounted in sterling silver; decided novelties, for only $4.95, $4.48, $3.69, $2.98, and as low as **2.19**

MEN'S CAROLA UMBRELLAS, all on steel rods and with paragon frames, with plain natural wood or silver trimmed handles, fast color and close roll, most of them with cases, for $1.47, 98c, 79c, as low as **39c**

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HERE IS A STOCK OF HANDKERCHIEFS from which you may select with the certainty of pleasing the man for whom they are intended. Unlike dry goods stock, these handkerchiefs are bought for men and are the kinds men wish for.

INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS—Japonettes, to be sure—of good generous size—hemstitched, large handsome silk initial, 3 for 25 cents or each, ... **10c**

INITIAL HANDKDRCHIEFS of pure silk and of pure linen, full sizes, excellent quality; finely hemstitched, new designs in hand wrought initials. Either the silk or the linen for 48c and **25c**

PLAIN WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS, in regular and extra sizes, union and pure linen; hemstitched, in all widths of hems, from 47c to those for 3 for 25c, or each **10c**

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, all pure silk, Japanese and Chinese; regular and extra large, hand hemstitched; hems from 1 inch to 1-4 inch in width, from $1.50 to **48c**

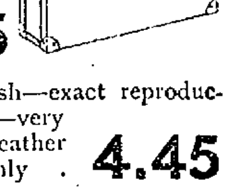
SILK SUSPENDERS. An assortment of very elegant suspenders in entirely new designs of fine *silkwebs*, in solid colors; Jacquard effects and some with dainty embroidered heraldic emblems; many with sterling silver buckles; each pair in a neat box, from $1.73, $1.47, 93c, 47c, as low as . . **25c**

Mackintoshes and suit cases.

PLAIN SERGE and Thibet mackintoshes, seams sewed and cemented; made to fit like our overcoats, properly. With cape and plain collar, $8.45, $6.75 and **4.95**

MACKINTOSHES with velvet collars, double breast, stylishly cut with boxy backs, seams sewed and cemented, perfect fitting; in serges, covert cloths, rough Oxfords and undressed serges, for $13.95, $10.95, $8.45 and . . . **5.95**

SOLE LEATHER CASES, genuine; not sheepskin. Steel frames, inside straps, linen lined, straps or brass fasteners outside. Worth today $6.00, for **4.95**



SUIT CASES, a great purchase just here for Christmas; made from patent waterproof fibre, olive or russet, pebbled surface, sole leather corners, linen lined, inside straps, patent brass fasteners and lock, regularly $2.50, for **1.95**

THE NEW ALLIGATOR finish—exact reproduction of the expensive alligator case—very handsome, finished with fine frame, leather corners and brass fasteners, this lot only . **4.45**

ALLIGATOR SUIT CASES, made from heavy sole leather, finished in exact imitation of the real alligator case.—Steel frames—linen lined, with brass fasteners or straps; certainly appear as well and will wear as well as cases at $14.00, for only **6.50**

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NIGHT EDITION

SIX O'CLOCK.

BURNED TO DEATH

Three Persons Lost Their Lives in a Fire

ONE FAMILY EASILY ESCAPED

The House Was Only Slightly Damaged

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Fire in a tenement house at No. 360 South First street, Williamsburg, caused the loss of three lives this morning. The dead were:

LUKE FREEME, 51 years old.
MRS. SUSAN SMYTHE, 65 years old.
MRS. MARY GOESCHER, 55 years old.

The building is a two story and attic affair constructed out of an old farm house which was more than 100 years old. When the fire was discovered, smoke was pouring from the windows and several policemen tried to rescue the occupants of the building before the firemen arrived.

The Schneider family on the first floor had no difficulty in getting out when awakened, but on the floor of the bedroom on the second floor the charred remains of Luke Freeme were found and in the attic the bodies of Mrs. Smythe and Mrs. Goescher.

The fire was extinguished in fifteen minutes. How it was started is not definitely known, but it is supposed a kerosene lamp which was kept lighted in the hallway, was knocked over by some tenant coming in late.

AGAINST OVERTIME

FALL RIVER TEXTILE COUNCIL WILL TAKE ACTION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 15—A special meeting of the Textile council will be held some evening this week to consider the advisability of calling mass meetings of union operatives to protest against night or overtime running on the part of the local mills. During the past week the practice has grown to such an extent as to become alarming, and spinners, weavers and carders unions have gone on record officially as being opposed to the practice. Mill men say this evening that the overtime running is made necessary because of large contracts made at low and unprofitable prices. If the overtime is stopped new mills will have to be built.

FARMER CONFESSES

THAT HE KILLED AGNES WILLIS AT BURLINGTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 15.—Gilbert Farmer, colored, who is in jail here on the charge of murdering Agnes Willis, a-so colored, at her home in this city on Monday night, made a confession of the crime to Sheriff Reeves today. The knife with which the crime was committed was found today at the home of Farmer's mother. The mother of the self-confessed murderer informed the officers that her son brought the knife to her house on the night of the murder and told her to hide it. When the weapon was taken from where it has been buried spots of blood were plainly noticed. Blood was also found today in Farmer's pocket.

GETS $500

DEEP RIVER BANK WATCHMAN RECEIVES REWARD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DEEP RIVER, Dec. 15.—The directors of the Deep River Savings Bank evidenced their appreciation of the fidelity and courage of Night Watchman Harry D. Tyler, who heroically attacked four men who were endeavoring to gain an entrance into the bank early Wednesday morning, and which resulted in the killing of one of the burglars, by presenting him a purse of $500 this afternoon. Accompanying the gift were resolutions expressing the directors' appreciation of the watchman's faithful services.

"I AM INNOCENT"

So Declared John Seery to Officer Barret

WHEN TOLD OF THE CRIME

That Was Committed Upon His Mother

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 15—The morning session of the Seery murder trial began with the examination of Policeman John F. Barrett, who assisted Chief of Police Drugan in arresting John and Joseph Seery, the defendants on charges of drunkenness before they were formally accused of the murder of their mother. The examination brought out the fact that on the morning after they had been arrested, the defendants conversed in the lock-up. Joe Seery asked John if they had had a row and if Joe was cut so that blood dripped on his shirt. John said he had a row with someone, but could not tell who. When John's brother Michael advised him not to talk much to the officers, John said: "I will, too, for I don't know much about the matter anyway." John asked witness if his mother had been outraged. Witness said yes. John raised his right hand and said: "Before God, I swear I am innocent." Joseph who was in the next cell, said: "So am I."

Dr. John W. Pratt, of Dedham, assistant medical examiner was called. He made an examination of Mrs. Seery's body and also assisted in the autopsy.

When he began his testimony the court took a short recess.

MRS. GOULD'S NARROW ESCAPE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—Mrs. George Jay Gould had a narrow escape from serious injury at 1 p.m. yesterday. She had spent the morning shopping and was on the way to her home at 67th street and 5th avenue in her brougham, when at 19 street and 5th avenue a heavy truck struck the horses.

The shaft of the truck pierced the neck of the near bay, throwing it and its mate to the ground and bringing the brougham to a stop with a sharp jolt and throwing Mrs. Gould forward from her seat.

Pale but collected, Mrs. Gould alighted before anyone could assist her. She told the coachman to summon an agent of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals and have the injured horse shot. Suddenly the animal jumped to its feet and ran. It was captured by a policeman.

Mrs. Gould suffered no ill effects from the shake-up.

AMBULANCE CALLS

GREEK RECEIVES A SEVERE SCALP WOUND.

The ambulance had two calls today. The first one was to the Tremont and Suffolk mills about 6.30 this morning, where William Speridens a Greek, employed in the mule spinning room, was suffering from a severe scalp wound sustained by his slipping on the track of his mules and striking his head against the machine. He was removed to the corporation hospital, where his wound was dressed. He was not otherwise injured.

The second call was about 2 o'clock this afternoon to the Lowell Machine shop foundry. George Williams, living on Grand street, had his foot badly burned by a hot iron and had to be removed to the corporation hospital.

PRINT WORKERS.

A meeting of the employes of the Merrimack and Hamilton Print Works will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m., in Leather Workers' hall, Central street, to transact business of importance. Every employe of both print works is requested to be present.

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Jackets at $2.75 that were 5.00.
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The last two lots are especially good, consisting of Jackets that sold from $12.50 to $15.00.

FURS
A handsome Fur piece makes a good present. There are Scarfs and Storm Collars, Boas and Muffs and fine Jackets.
You will find our prices right on these goods.

FURS
Scarfs from $1.25 up.
Storm Collars from $2.75 up.
Jackets from $12.92 up.
And right here let us call attention to our elegant line of Near Seal Jackets, the best to be had, at $32.50 and $40.00.

SEPARATE SKIRTS
We are always a little ahead with our Skirt Styles. Now we are showing Skirts with box plaited backs, single and double, one and two plaits, also skirts trimmed in front with silk applique. Prices are low, quality considered. We also have a large line of Plain and Tunic Skirts, also Plaids, etc.

NO GOOD NEWS YET

To Dispel the Gloom That Hangs Over all England

Report of Several Other Engagements Received—Capt. Bradshaw Killed Leading His Men—Battle in Which 2000 Were Lost

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following dispatch:

From the officer commanding at Orange river, Thursday, Dec. 14:

Yesterday part of the mounted infantry under Captain Bradshaw and the Yorkshires and Lancashire Guards under Lieut. MacFarlane, patrolled in the direction of Ramah and Zoutspan Drift, about 10 miles east of the Orange river, to reconnoiter and to report the strength of the enemy reported to be holding the drift. The mounted infantry found a strong detachment of the enemy at the drift and a sharp engagement ensued. The enemy ultimately retreated to Goemansberg.

Captain Bradshaw and three men were killed; Lieut. Gregson of the East Kents, and seven men were wounded. The Boers had five men killed and several wounded."

ARTILLERY DUEL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FRERE CAMP, Wednesday, Dec. 15, noon. The expected artillery duel between the British and Boer forces did not come off Wednesday. The British bombarded positions around Colenso, but the Boers did not reply.

BRITISH LOSS OF 2,000

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—The following official announcement has been made:

"General Cronje reports that yesterday there was desultory fighting until six, when heavy cannon fire was resumed. The Scandinavians stormed a difficult position but it became untenable and they suffered severely. I was unable to send help. The British were in overwhelming force but must have had at least 2,000 men put out of action either in killed or wounded."

Another official report from Finuhart says:

"There were no signs of surrender, the burghers fighting with conspicuous bravery and maintaining their positions under heavy British fire. . . Our cannon were of very little use."

REPORT OF VICTORY UNCONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 4.45 a. m.—The war office is still without news from Ladysmith other than that already published. The general belief is that the large Boer forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magersfontein were partly drawn from Natal and that General Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return.

The newspapers are calling upon the government to employ the Cunarders as well as the White Star steamers as transports, seeing the urgent necessity of getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand men could still be sent from England without calling upon the militia for foreign service.

The greatest need, however, is speedy transports.

Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Cape Town yesterday, will possibly join Lord Methuen and take command of the combined forces.

The Daily Chronicle's Modder River dispatch, which is at variance with all the other reports, represent Lord Methuen's forces as retiring Tuesday on the camp at Modder River, as the result of renewed artillery firing that day. The correspondent says: "Tuesday forenoon the Boers brought heavy guns into action. The British artillery replied, but failed to silence them. Lord Methuen thereupon withdrew his force out of range and concentrated at Modder River."

BURYING THEIR DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 15.—Ambulances started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce, to collect the wounded and bury the dead who fell at Magersfontein Brig. Gen. Wauchope, who led the Highland brigade, was found dead near the trenches shot in the chest and thigh. A few wounded were found near the trenches. Several wounded Boers were taken to the British hospital.

The side of the hill and the immediate neighborhood of the Boer trenches showed dead bodies all about. One wounded Boer informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that their loss was terrible. The whole Scandinavian contingent was destroyed. Judging from information gleaned from the Boer wounded and from prisoners taken in different parts of the field, the Boer losses must exceed 700. The destruction wrought by the naval guns was enormous.

Word was passed along the Boer lines to prepare to retreat at nightfall. All confess that it was their greatest loss during the war.

The British troops have returned to Modder River, owing to the lack of water near the position held yesterday.

ARTILLERY DUEL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FRERE CAMP, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Firing can be heard this morning in the direction of Colenso and an artillery duel is expected today.

THE LOYALISTS DISCOURAGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—"Lord Methuen's check, following General Gatacre's repulse," says the Capetown correspondent of the Daily News, "has had a most depressing effect upon the loyalists who are by no means a growing body. They are filled with dark forebodings. Dutch disaffection is rapidly growing. A large section is restless and would need but little persuasion to join the Boers. "There are many disturbing reports from the eastern districts of Cape Colony, where many secret meetings have been held. The Imperial authorities are arming the loyal farmers in the Stutterheim and Keiroid districts."

The correspondent of the Standard at Modder River, describing the fight with Magersfontein, says:

"Six miles had to be covered before the Highlanders could reach the Boer stronghold. It is not yet clear through what mischance the force which was led by guides, came upon the Boer trenches so unexpectedly and so suddenly.

"Beyond question the Boers were aware of the approach of the British and had prepared to receive them. According to the version two Highlanders through nervousness or clumsiness discharged their rifles prematurely but it is equally probable that the advance Boers scents got the intelligence.

Our men were totally unprepared, they had not even fixed bayonets. The disaster was all the more exasperating because of the consciousness that, had the brigade been extended and with bayonets fixed, the trenches might have been skirmished with far less sacrifice of life."

ANOTHER COSTLY SKIRMISH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15. The war office has received the following dispatch from General Forestier-Walker at Cape Town: "General French writes, under date of December 13, reporting a skirmish at 4 o'clock in the morning, with 300 Boers who were advancing southward toward Naauwpoort. The skirmishing continued all the morning, the Boers fighting on a front of fourteen miles. The enemy retired with a loss of forty killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed, seven wounded, including one officer and two missing.

A HOTEL SNEAK

George E. Batchelder Arrested in Boston

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—An elderly man wrapped up in a bath robe and wearing slippers was arrested in the corridor of the Copley Square Hotel this morning.

To the average guest of the hotel it would appear that he was going to the bath room. When there was no one in the corridor he would stop to listen at several of the doors. From a transom, however a police inspector watched the man's movements until satisfied that he was planning mischief when the detective placed him under arrest and took him to police headquarters.

Chief Inspector Watts identified the prisoner as George S. Batchelder, a professional hotel sneak thief and a much wanted man.

WANTS A RECOUNT.

Kenneth J. MacKenzie, who was defeated for the school board in ward one by William J. Johnson by 31 votes, has filed a petition for a recount.

BIG GOLD SHIPMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—August Belmont and Co. will ship $500,000 in gold to London tomorrow. In addition, there has been engaged $1,000,000 in gold at the sub-treasury for shipment.

BUYING UP WOOL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—For two weeks past representatives of eastern wool firms, principally from Boston, have been canvassing the wool growing sections of the state in an effort to buy up next year's clip. In the Rainier reserve district advances have been offered of a full price when delivered next summer of from 17 to 20 cents per pound. The cause assigned for offering to buy in advance is that heavy orders have been received by the house represented for delivery next fall, and to make sure of a supply all the crops possible are now being secured.

THE WHEAT AREA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 15.—The official estimate of the wheat area of the United States are 1,361,511 acres, with a probable yield of 13,660,700 bushels; available surplus for export, 50,000 tons.

THE LAST DAY

For Debate on the Financial Bill

BERRY AND WHEELER CLASH

Wheeler Defends the People of Kentucky

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—This was the closing day of the general debate on the financial bill in the house of representatives, but that fact failed to arouse more than languid interest in the proceedings. Mr. Jones (Va.) opened the debate in opposition to the bill. After Messrs. Rhea (Ky.) and Williams (Ill.) had spoken against the bill the serenity of the debate was unexpectedly interrupted by a rather sensational personal clash between Mr. Berry and Mr. Wheeler, both democrats of Kentucky.

Mr. Wheeler sprang recognition to question statements made by Mr. Berry yesterday as to corruption in the recent Kentucky campaign.

"I regret the necessity of having to wash our dirty linen of Kentucky on the floor of the house," said Mr. Wheeler, "but I don't propose that our people shall be maligned and slandered without a word of protest."

THE SENATE

PASSED AN ORDER FIXING PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Soon after the senate convened today, on motion of Mr. Hale, (Me.) it was agreed to adjourn from today till Monday next.

Mr. Aldrich (R. I.) presented a special order fixing the standing committees and their personnel for the senate of the 56th congress.

The order was adopted without dissent, a statement being made by Mr. Cockrell (Mo.) that such vacancies as existed in the minority representation should be filled at an early date.

Mr. Davis (Minn.) chairman of the committee on foreign relations offered and secured the passage of a resolution requesting the secretary of state, if not incompatible to public interests, to transmit to the senate the reports of the Hon. Bartlett Tripp, Samoan commissioner, on affairs in Samoa.

At 12.42, the senate went into executive session and at 1.20 adjourned until Monday.

FEEDERS' STRIKE

Union Men Demand $12 a Week

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15. Every union printing press feeder in Boston and vicinity, whose employer would not agree to pay him $12 a week, struck today in compliance with the order issued by Franklin association 16. Yesterday 14 firms had agreed to pay the rate of wages demanded. Before the strike today these additional concerns conceded the union scale of wages: E. B. Stillings, Wallace Young Co., C. H. Simmons, Samuel Usher, Rockwell & Churchill, and the Plympton Press of Norwood. There are now at work under the new scale 300 members of the association while 152 are out.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—June 19 has been decided upon as the date for holding the next republican convention which will be held in Philadelphia.

GREEN—Joseph H. Green, a resident of this city for many years, died today at his home, 159 Lawrence street, after a long illness. His age was 74 years and three months. He leaves a widow, one son and three daughters.

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J. F. O'Donnell's Steamship Agency, 324 Market St., Cor. Worthen.

DOCTOR'S PLIGHT

Providence Physician Found Bleeding and Unconscious

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15.—Early this morning Dr. Charles C. Howland was found bleeding and unconscious in post office court, having jumped through a second story window in the Banigan building. He died later at the Rhode Island hospital. About 8 o'clock last night, Dr. Howland was found intoxicated on the eighth floor of the Banigan building, and the watchman not wishing to turn him into the street, while in such a helpless condition, locked him in a vacant room on the second floor. That was the last seen of him until 2.30 o'clock this morning, when he was found in post office court.

An autopsy is now in progress at the hospital.

GRAND JURY

RETURNED INDICTMENTS AGAINST REV. NORMAN PLASS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15.—The grand jury after nearly two weeks deliberation returned 98 true bills today. The most important are those against Rev. Norman Plass, former superintendent of the anti-saloon league, who is accused of attempting to extort $400 from the proprietor of Crescent Park by blackmailing methods, and Charles E. Stewart, who is charged with swindling the First National Bank of Woonsocket out of $3600 on a bogus check.

Stewart, when arraigned, pleaded not guilty and was held in $8000 for trial.

No bill was found against William H. Walls of Attleboro, who was charged with causing the death of Edward Patterson in a drunken row on Gano street two months ago.

WAGES INCREASED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—A general advance of 10 per cent. to the 1000 employes of the Bessemer steel department, has been granted by the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., to take effect on the first of January.

A similar advance in all departments of the big plant is practically assured when the contracts for next year are signed. This will affect 5000 men.

POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lowell Police Relief association is being held at the police station this afternoon. Officers will be chosen for the ensuing year and arrangements made for the annual ball.

DISASTROUS FIRE

Destroyed Great Mills in Philippsburg Today

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILIPPSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—A number of buildings containing boilers, engines, steam compressors and other mine machinery were destroyed by fire today at No. 1 shaft of the Morrisdale Coal company, Morrisdale, Pa. The value of the buildings and contents is estimated at $20,000. Four hundred men have been thrown out of employment. It is also reported that the fire has reached the inside of the mine and that the loss will amount to $75,000.

A MASS MEETING

Shoe Workers Will Gather in Haverhill

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 15.—Arrangements were completed today for a mass meeting here tomorrow afternoon of the turned shoe workmen of Haverhill, Lynn and Salem. More than 100 men are expected to attend. The meeting is called to take action on the feasibility of accepting or rejecting the 25 cent weekly dues provision which was endorsed by the last general convention of the Boot & Shoe Workers' Union held in Rochester, N. Y. Secretary Eaton of the national union is expected to be present and review the proceedings of the Rochester convention relative to the matter in hand, and will also offer the reasons why it has been deemed expedient to authorize the increase in dues.

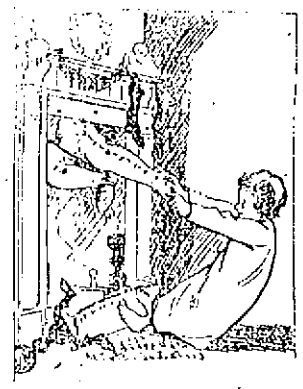
MOODY COMFORTABLE

THE GREAT WORKER HAD A GOOD NIGHT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., Dec. 15.—D. L. Moody had a very comfortable night last night, and today his general symptoms were pronounced no less favorable than they have been recently, while in certain respects there were signs of improvement. Mr. Moody slept from 9.30 p. m. until late this morning and seemed refreshed on awakening. His breathing was normal and other conditions noted by the nurse presented the same aspect.

Ira D. Sankey, who for many years has been associated with Mr. Moody in evangelistic work, was expected at Northfield today.



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"Fashion Corner has the modes for men."
A WHISPERED WARNING.
"Don't buy me the Santa Claus Neckwear of the dry goods CLIC."

Shoppers, lady buyers! This is your reception week at Fashion Corner. Next week the crowd will be thicker and the stock thinner. Put this memorandum on your shopping tablet: "Merrimack Clothing Co., opposite City Hall." You will see much that will interest you personally, more than will interest your gentlemen friends. The strong light makes our display of rich silks a pretty sight. Here is exclusiveness waiting for you that is not seen elsewhere. Men about town are familiar with our up-to-date furnishing and any substitute purchased at a dry goods store will suffer in comparison. Reserve a full hour for a thorough inspection.

Neckwear.
A bright new stock of novel and staple neckwear in the latest designs. A windowful and a storeful—the largest stock we've ever shown.
Our great strength is in the 50 cent line, but a good variety is shown for selection at 25 cents.
The most elegant styles in rich satins and beautiful silks are $1.00 and $1.25.

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We have some exceptionally attractive styles in ladies' plain and embroidered scarfs, imperials and squares at from $1.00 to $1.50.

Xmas Suspenders
New and handsome designs and colorings in gentlemen's holiday braces. These are elegantly mounted.
Also new novelties in arm elastics and hose supporters.

Mufflers.
Silk or cashmere.

Umbrellas.
Sizes suitable for both sexes. Handles in the natural wood, sterling silver trimmed, horn and Dresden ware. Fine silk, taffeta and union cloths.

Gloves.
Wool lined, silk lined, lamb-skin lined or unlined. Kid, mocha, suede or fur. The kind he wears is in our stock. Gloves for driving, dress or any purpose for which gloves are made.

Handkerchiefs.
Silk or linen, plain or initialed. A great stock.

Suit Cases.
At less than trunk store prices and a larger variety.

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Some very swell styles which are entirely new.

SWEATERS AND WESCUTS
For men and boys, the latest color combinations.

MERRIMACK CLOTHING COMPANY.
Opposite City Hall.

THE SUN LATEST!

5 O'CLOCK

W. HOLT APGAR, SUPREME REGENT ROYAL ARCANUM, WHO VISITED LOWELL COUNCIL AT ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE LAST NIGHT.

SUPREME REGENT

Of Royal Arcanum the Guest of Lowell Council

AT RECEPTION IN ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE

Interesting Address on Benefits of Order

The Arcanumites were out in force last evening when Lowell Council, No. 8, tendered a reception to Supreme Regent of the United States W. Holt Apgar of Trenton N. J., and District Deputy John A. Currier of Boston. The supreme vice regent J. A. Langfitt and the supreme orator, A. S. Robinson, were expected to be present but they were unavoidably detained. The Apollo quartet, Messrs. Wirt, Burns, Foster and Sturtevant enlivened the affair with several well rendered selections and Fay H. Martin, regent of Lowell Council, presided.

The affair was pleasantly informal, and the ushers at the reception were Messrs. A. B. Merrill, Fred B. Brannan and F. X. A. Hurtubise.

During the evening, addresses were made by the guests.

District Deputy Grand Regent John A. Currier was introduced as "Our John." He said in the course of an interesting address: "I am glad to learn of the success of Lowell council, Royal Arcanum and I hope that the coming year will be attended by even better results. In Buffalo recently, 92 were gathered in and while we may not expect such a pronounced success, we must not give up our work in the direction of getting new members. Lowell is one of the best cities in New England for the Royal Arcanum and she cannot afford to have her record in this respect superseded by any other city."

Supreme Regent Hon. W. Holt Apgar of Trenton, N. J. was given three rousing cheers when he stepped forward to speak. In part he said:

"I am sure that this city with one thousand members speaks well for the work done by Past Regents Burbank, David and Walsh. In Trenton we have only 709, but the percentage is the same, as our population is less. The membership of the Royal Arcanum today is 191,959. Why was it organized? Life insurance seemed to have been created for people of money and the Royal Arcanum was established for the man of ordinary means. It was a protest against prohibitory rates of insurance and as such it represented the other extreme. When our nine brothers in Boston started the organization they presented an entirely new schedule of rates. We have now nearly 200,000 members and have distributed $84,100,000. There is being paid out $19,000 every day in the United States and Canada.

"People say we are too cheap to live and that such low rates will make our perpetuity impossible. There is no company in existence today that gives to its members so complete a financial statement each month as the Royal Arcanum. It is perfectly solvent. We have a constantly growing emergency fund and it will soon reach $500,000. We have at present $754,171.85 in this fund. We have over $500,000 in the Widow's and Orphans' Benefit fund and we would have as much more if we omitted as liabilities statements that other organizations omit. Every death is represented in the statement of liabilities whether officially or semi-officially reported. As long as the death claims are paid there are no grounds upon which a court could declare an organization insolvent. By official report of deaths I mean where full proofs of death are sent in to the secretary and by 'semi-official' I mean simple reports of deaths, some of which do not mature into legal claims for months and some of them never.

"We have made the Arcanum stronger and better. The strong point of any insurance organization is that its emergency fund shows a growth every year. Be suspicious of an organization that cannot show a condition of this kind. The insurance companies have to contend with more in the line of expenses than we have. They have among other things agents and advertising to pay for, while our treasury is not affected in this way. The dues take care of all our expenses. The Royal Arcanum is safe today, it will be safe tomorrow and 20 years from now.

"Will the rates have to be changed? They will not if we have each year a normal increase. I would rather see a normal increase than a boom growth, because fewer members would leave it. We haven't a mushroom growth, but are composed of men who have an abiding sense of the essentials which are necessary for the permanency of the organization. I would not say that a raise in rates is not a development of the future and if it is found necessary it will not in the least affect our success.

"We have had a remarkable growth this year. Up to December 1 of this year we have had a record of 2700 new members. By May 1, 1900, we hope to have a total of 20,000 members. This will mean the necessity of 8011 new members. I believe that we will increase the strength of the emergency fund to $1,000,000 by May 1."

Leather Tablet Traveling Cases. Devine's, 88 Merrimack St.

PRICES ADVANCED

OF THE HOSIERY PRODUCT OF SOUTHERN MILLS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 15.—The Southern Association of Hosiery Manufacturers was organized in this city yesterday at a convention of hosiery mill men representing the larger interests of that line in the south. V. Ballard of Durham, N. C., was chosen president. The executive committee will report on constitution and bylaws at an adjourned meeting to be held in Atlanta, Ga., the second Thursday in January. Before the adjournment, an agreement was reached advancing the price of the hosiery product of the mills representing ten per cent. to go into effect January 1.

STRIKE ORDERED

Pressmen and Feeders in Boston

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Several hundred junior pressmen, press feeders and helpers of Boston and vicinity go on strike today for an advance of weekly wage from $10 to $12.

About 250 others are not affected, having been granted an increase by the firms, or being employed by several of the larger firms which have been paying the schedule for some time past.

The men are all members of Franklin association 18, and the trouble which culminated in the strike vote last night has been brewing for some time.

For over a month the officers of the association have been endeavoring to bring about an adjustment of the matter and an acceptance of the scale without resorting to a strike.

The firms who yesterday agreed to pay the new scale are: Ginn & Co., Forbes Lithograph company, Washington press, Nichols, Lounsbery & Worth, Spring Lane press, Eastern specialty company, Sherrell print, Charles H. Heintzman, Bartlett press, Thomas J. M. Smith and Cooperative Press.

EXCHANGE COURTESIES

MAYOR CROWLEY AND SENATOR PUTNAM WRITE.

The following letters, exchanged by the two candidates for mayor, mark the close of the contest that terminated on Tuesday:

Hon. Jeremiah Crowley:

My Dear Sir—Allow me to congratulate you on your victory. I did the best I could to be elected, but the people have spoken, and I gladly submit to their decision. I trust and hope you will have a year of health, and that all will join in doing what they can to make your administration the best for the people.

Very respectfully yours,
GEO. E. PUTNAM.

Lowell, Dec. 13.

Hon. George E. Putnam:

Dear Sir—Your note of congratulation came duly to hand, for which I am sincerely thankful to you, and let me say that I fairly and decently stated my case to the fair-minded people of Lowell; they, after hearing all the evidence, have rendered their verdict. For my sake I am pleased; for you I am sorry for your disappointment.

Respectfully yours,
JEREMIAH CROWLEY.

Lowell, Dec. 14.

1500 Dress Suit Cases from $2.00 to $20.00 at Devine's, 88 Merrimack St.

Tonight

Just before retiring, if your liver is sluggish, out of tune and you feel dull, bilious, constipated, take a dose of

Hood's Pills

And you'll be all right in the morning.

FIRE BURNS WORKS

Of Welch Clock Mfg. Company

AT BRISTOL, CONN., LAST NIGHT

The Loss Will Reach or Exceed $125,000

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRISTOL, Conn., Dec. 15.—The Case Manufacturing building of the E. N. Welch Clock Manufacturing company, was totally destroyed by fire last night causing a loss of $125,000; insurance is about $100,000.

The burned building was filled with clock cases in all stages of construction and much material. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have originated in the boiler room adjoining the main building. The "movement" shop was destroyed last April, entailing a loss of $60,000, but a new shop has just been completed. Last night's fire will necessitate a suspension of the entire business until a new factory can be built. More than 300 hands are thrown out of employment.

BIG MASS MEETING

Of Anti-Imperialists at Philadelphia

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED CONDEMNING POLICY

Of Getting Into Entangling Foreign Complications

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—An anti-imperialistic mass meeting of the American league of Philadelphia was held last night. Prominent among the speakers were Congressmen John J. Lentz of Ohio and Charles A. Towne of Minnesota. George Mercer president of the Philadelphia league, made the opening address. A number of Philadelphia clergymen spoke and letters of regret were read from ex-Senator George F. Edmunds and Senator George F. Hoar. Senator Hoar in his letter said: "Terrible mischief has already been accomplished through the blunder of last winter's treaty. But it is not too late to retrace our steps. Congress has not yet committed itself to the policy of imperialism. Still less are the American people so committed."

Resolutions were adopted commending to the people and particularly those in power the warning of the revolutionary fathers against entangling alliances and advocating an independent government in Cuba and the Philippines.

BY CIRCULAR SAW

C. M. Boyce Twice Badly Wounded

Twice against the same circular saw in one week is the painful record of C. M. Boyce, a cabinet maker employed by Marshall & Crosby, corner of Branch and School streets. Early in the week, he had the top of his thumb taken off by contact with the business end of the saw. Yesterday while at work, and trying to favor the wounded thumb he had three of his fingers badly lacerated. His attending physician believes that the fingers can be saved although it was thought at first that amputation would be necessary.

PROCTOR NAMED

For the Staff of Gov-Elect Crane

THE POPULAR CHAS. S. PROCTOR

Well Known in Business and Military Circles

It is reported unofficially that Gov.-Elect Crane has chosen Captain Chas. S. Proctor of this city as a member of his staff and we shall henceforth address him as "Colonel."

The news will be received with general satisfaction by the many friends of Capt. Proctor and the governor is to be congratulated for the excellent judgment displayed.

Lowell has not had a member of the staff since Colonels Parker and Walsh served under Governor Greenhalge.

BURNED TO DEATH

THREE LOST THEIR LIVES IN A FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Three persons were burned to death and one seriously injured at a fire early this morning in a tenement in the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn.

The dead are Mrs. Gocher, Mrs. Susan Smyth and Luke Fleen.

Mrs. Luke Fleen jumped from the second story and broke her legs. She was otherwise seriously injured.

AGAINST MYERS

Combination Against His Candidacy

FOR THE SPEAKERSHIP OF HOUSE

His Record Severely Criticized by Speakers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Sixty-three members of the incoming house of representatives and supporters of three of the four leading candidates for the speakership of the new house attended a dinner and conference at the Quincy House this afternoon, called for the avowed purpose of formulating a joint plan of opposition to the fourth candidate, Mr. James J. Myers of Cambridge.

No attempt was made at the meeting to form a combination on any one of the three candidates, in fact, each one of those present was loyal to his particular favorite and confident of his election. Hon. William Schofield of Malden presided and all three of the candidates, Frank P. Bennett of Saugus, Silas D. Reed of Taunton, and Charles Saunders of Boston, were present and spoke, while remarks were made by several of the leading supporters of the three gentlemen.

All the speeches, directly or indirectly criticise the party record of Mr. Myers and at the conclusion of the meeting resolutions were adopted which while favoring none of the candidates present, still protested against the election of any candidate not known to be an unswerving supporter of the national administration and a loyal republican.

It was stated at the meeting that 97 of the 165 republican members of the house, had responded to the invitation to attend the dinner, all expressing sympathy with the meeting.

It was voted as the sense of the meeting that the republican caucus should be held on Tuesday, January 2, the day previous to the opening of the legislature at 11 a. m.

LOWELLITE ARRESTED

ARRESTED FOR LARCENY FROM LAWRENCE BOOTBLACK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 15.—Alfred Berreau of Lowell is under arrest charged with the larceny of $2 from Louis L. Lamb, the bootblack. The alleged larceny in this instance however seems to be somewhat of an attempted game of Bim-Bam.

It seems that yesterday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock Berreau went to Lamb's shoe blacking place on Essex near Amesbury street and had his shoes shined. The charge was 10 cents and he gave Lamb a $2 bill in payment. Lamb put the bill in his mouth and then proceeded to make the change for Berreau. He gave the latter a $1 bill and 90 cents and then took the $2 bill from his mouth and gave it also to Berreau.

The two men then got talking and it suddenly occurred to Lamb that he had made a mistake and had given Berreau $2 too much. He intimated to his customer that he wanted the $2 back. Berreau is alleged to have replied that since the money had been given to him it would take a bigger man than Lamb to get it back. The latter said he would call a policeman if Berreau did not give up the money. The latter made no move to give up the "stuff" and Lamb went in search of a policeman. He soon found Policeman Hayes and they returned to the shop, but Berreau had fled, taking the money with him. Then a search was made for him and he was soon located in a saloon on Hampshire street. He denied to Policeman Hayes that he took the money but at the Station, whither he was taken, he admitted that he took the money and it was found on him. He claimed he took it only for a joke.

TEETOTALERS ELECT.

The St. John's Total Abstinence society of North Chelmsford met last night and elected the following officers: President, James J. O'Connell; vice president, James J. Barrett; clerk, S. F. Ward; financial secretary, James F. Leahey; treasurer, James P. Quigley; senior, Thomas Johnson; 5 trustees, John McMannon, Dennis McCluskey, Patrick McMahon, Michael Connelly, and Thomas Larkin; spiritual director, Rev. John J. Shaw.

SPEAKER HENDERSON'S THANKS

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 15.—Speaker Henderson has sent to Hyde Park Post, G. A. R., of which he is a member, a letter acknowledging the receipt of a floral gift, in which he says: "When I found my dear old comrades, so far away, suddenly so near me with a testimonial of their affection, I put it very mildly when I say my heart was full. Boys, you do not know how much I appreciate the act. I felt somehow as though you were all by my side sustaining me in grave responsibilities by which I was surrounded. Permit me, therefore, to thank you, not in a formal way, but with profound sincere affection to every member of the post."

FARMER'S HOUSE WARMED.

A number of the Lowell friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Farmer of Tewksbury called on them at their well appointed residence on Lee street in Tewksbury last night and assisted in the ceremonies of a housewarming. Mr. Farmer's house was destroyed by fire Nov. 6 of last year, and his new house was recently completed. It was only natural that his friends in Lowell should take an interest in the new structure and they made arrangements for a friendly call. Last night was the time decided upon, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed. Gookin's orchestra furnished music and there were songs by Mr. Gookin and Miss Bertha Westgate. It was a late hour when the guests took their departure after leaving as a testimonial of their good wishes two handsome parlor rugs. Among those present were Superintendent of Streets C. J. Cheney, George H. Frye and Dr. Rombough.

GEN. WOOD ARRIVES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Gen. Leonard Wood, the governor-general of Cuba, accompanied by his wife, arrived in this city from Washington this morning. General Wood will remain here until Saturday next, when he sails for Cuba.

HURRAH FOR CHRISTMAS!

Now for that Christmas piano. Select it at once. We will store it and let Santa Claus deliver it on Christmas Eve, if you say so.

NO RAISE IN PRICES HERE.

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Violin outfits complete, $5.50 and upwards. Banjos, Mandolins, elegant line, Guitars, Accordions, Cornets, Metronomes, Ocarinas, Apollo Harps, Music Stands, Music Rolls and Bags. Large invoice just arrived. Six styles assorted colors. Strings of every description.

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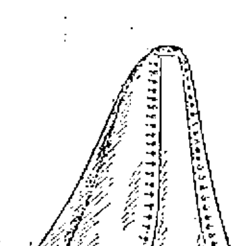

From the Great Bankrupt Stock of Freedman Bros., New York. You can save money now and select from the largest assortment of the season. See the prices we ask you, about one-half regular prices.

JACKETS.

$3.95.

Covert Cloth Jackets, in tan and blue. Regular price $7.50.

$4.50.

Black Kersey Cloth Jackets, all lined. Regular price $8.50.

$5.95.

Kersey Cloth Jackets, in black, blue, tan and castor, a nobby coat. Regular price $10.

$7.50.

Kersey Cloth Jackets, in all colors. Regular price $12.50.

Nobby Jackets from $8.50, $9.75, $11.75 and $12.50, all at reduced prices.

CHILDREN'S

REEFER JACKETS

Made with cape or plain, some nobby styles, for $1.98, $2.98, $3.75 and $4.98. Early season prices $4.00 to $9.50.

FUR JACKETS AND CAPES.

Electric Seal Jackets, Near Seal Jackets, Persian Jackets, plain or with collar and cuffs of a different fur. Our prices now

$19.50, $24.50, $29.50, $35.00 and $42.50.

Regular prices $25 to $75.

CAPES.

Electric Seal, Wool Seal and Astrachan,

$4.50 to $30.00.

ROUCH

CLOTH CAPES.

27 inches, 30 inches and 36 inch lengths, for

$1.98, $3.50, $4.95 and $6.50.

Regular prices $4 to $11.75.

GOLF CAPES.

Made from handsome rugs,

$3.95, $4.95, $6.50 and $9.75

Regular prices $7.50 to $15.00.

KERSEY

CLOTH CAPES.

Plain or fur trimmed,

$3.50, $5, $7.50 up to $15

All reduced to one-half price.

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Christmas Presents

FROM US.

Ladies' Shawl Bath Robes.
Fur Neck Scarfs, all kinds.
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Fur Collarettes, all kinds.
Ladies' Woolen Waists, all kinds.
Ladies' Silk Waists, all kinds.
Ladies' Tea Gowns.
Ladies' Dressing Sacques.

Prices Guaranteed the Lowest.

AUTOMOBILE DASH

Killing Horse and Injuring a Man

ON FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

It Ran Like a Dog Chasing Its Tail

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—An automobile ran amuck in 5th avenue between 49th and 51st streets, at 9 last evening. It would have been running yet—in circles—had not indignant citizens in evening and other dress swarmed upon the mad machine and subdued it by sheer force of numbers.

Its driver, whom it threw, and who rashly attempted to mount it again, is in the Flower hospital with a broken leg. "Bike" policeman Clarkin, who did some marvelous trick riding in avoiding the "devil carriage," is suffering from nervous shock.

The weird performance of the "auto" showed the full possibilities of the machine and also marked the revenge of the horse for it was a horse which set the horseless carriage wild.

Joseph McLaughlin drives a cab. He views the automobiles with suspicion. His chief patrons are members of the "millionaire's club" at 60th street. He was driving south in 5th avenue. At 48th street he saw an automobile guided by George S. Dugree bearing down upon him. The usual signals were interchanged, but one of the drivers mistook port for starboard and a collision followed. The impact was great. Both drivers were hurled from their seats. McLaughlin's horse was so badly hurt that it was necessary to shoot it.

As Dugree was thrown from the "auto" his hand wrenched the power lever and set it "full speed ahead." At the same instant the shock set the steering gear hard aport. Like a dog chasing his own tail the horseless carriage, at high speed, ran in mad circles.

MARTIN FLAHERTY

Matched to Meet Spike Sullivan at Troy

Martin Flaherty, Lowell's clever lightweight, has been matched to meet his old rival, "Spike" Sullivan of Boston, at the Manhattan Athletic club of Troy, N. Y., on December 21. The pair are scheduled to go 25 rounds for a decision at 133 pounds, weigh in at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for a purse of $1000 and an option of 50 per cent. of the gate receipts. Flaherty has already gone into training and is more than pleased that he has at last got the opportunity to get at his Boston rival, who has always dreaded Flaherty probably more than any other fighter in the ring. It will be a great fight.

GREAT DISTRESS FELT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15.—The distress in the famine stricken districts is becoming more acute. About 3,500,000 persons have received relief.

A MONSTER ARMY

A Plan to Mobilize 100,000 Men

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 15.—The steamer Empress of India has arrived from Yokohama bringing advices to December 1.

Terrible tidal waves have been again devastating the Oriental coasts in various parts of Ceram where some districts were devastated and the population all but obliterated.

A Nan King dispatch says that two battalions sent to Kiangsi to assist the governor in putting down the rioting against the Roman Catholic missionaries dispersed and took their impediments to the hills. It is thought that they were Malao Nui secret society men.

Carlowitz & Co., of Shanghai has offered He Chang Chi Tung, viceroy of Hupeh, a loan of four million marks for fifteen years at seven per cent. interest to enable him to construct a line of railway from the Pingshan coal mines to the iron works at Maynang.

Chinese advices state that a step is now on foot to mobilize an army of 100,000 men at Kiangsu to garrison the Yang Tse delta. This step was instigated by the viceroy at Nankin with the approval of the high imperial commissioner, Yang Yi, during his visit there.

Li Hung Chang has been ordered to visit open ports with a view of investigating conditions as to the advisability of raising customs duties.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

FOLEY'S PARDON

Murderer's Aged Mother Petitions Pres. McKinley

FOR THE RELEASE OF THEIR ERRING SON

He Figured in the Foster Murder

An appeal to President McKinley for the pardon of Patrick J. Foley, now serving a life sentence in the state prison for complicity in the murder of Duroy S. Foster of Burlington has been made by his aged father and mother, who live in Kerry county, Ireland, as reported exclusively in last night's Sun.

The appeal was forwarded to Gov. Wolcott a few days ago with a request that an inquiry into the facts of the case be made. Gov. Wolcott referred the petition to the prison commissioners and an agent of that commission is now engaged on the case. He will interview witnesses after which a report embodying all the facts in the case will be made.

The petition of the murderer's parents is as follows:

To the President, United States of America, White House, Washington:

The humble petition of James and Catherine Foley showeth:

That to their inexpressible grief their son, Patrick J. Foley, was convicted of murder alleged to have been committed in the town of Woburn, near Boston, in the year 1893 and then sentenced to be executed, but on a second trial this sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life; and that he is at present imprisoned in Charlestown, Mass.

That petitioners have through life borne an unsullied character and that they have reared a family of four other sons and one daughter, all of whom have long since attained their majority and against whom no crime against the law not even the most trivial, was ever alleged.

That the culprit, Patrick J. Foley, from his childhood up to the date of this most lamentable occurrence also bore the very best of character, and was never until then accused of any crime whatsoever, as can be testified to by his employer, J. Turner Huggard, a gentleman of high social standing and moving in the best society in this county of Kerry.

That at his trial there was a grave doubt of the culpability of the culprit as reported in the public press of that date.

That petitioners humbly beg of you to exercise your prerogative of mercy by pardoning the culprit, and that he will undertake if liberated to leave the United States and never more return thereto.

That petitioners humbly and beseechingly beg of you to exercise your prerogative of mercy by liberating the culprit thereby restoring an erring and misguided child to the bosom of his aged and heart-broken parents.

JAMES FOLEY,
CATHERINE FOLEY.

It is evident from the petition that Mr. and Mrs. Foley have been misinformed as to the facts in the case, especially in one particular. The petition states that Foley was convicted of murder, sentenced to be executed, but on second trial this sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life. Foley was not sentenced to death and had only one trial. He was convicted of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The murder for which Foley was sentenced to prison for life occurred on the night of Sept. 11, 1894. For three days after the commission of the crime residents of Woburn, Billerica and the surrounding country were wild with excitement.

The crime was an atrocious one. Three men, it was brought out at the trial, had left Somerville in a covered express wagon and gone out into the country to rob farmhouses and men. The wagon was easily traced on its way home after an attempt had been made to capture the thieves resulting in the shooting of Duroy S. Foster.

In the minds of many people there always existed doubt as to Foley's connection with the crime. On the morning of the opening of the trial Mrs. Foley came into the court room, holding an infant baby in her arms. Up to the iron cage where her husband sat, she stepped and held the child up for the father to kiss and caress.

Counsel for Foley, addressing the court in his behalf, said:

"He is a young man of foreign birth. He has been an honest, hard-working laboring man. No taint of crime or alleged wrongdoing has been attributed to him until this case.

"He left his mother and other relatives in Ireland and came to this country to better his condition. Oct. 1, 1890, he was married to Sullivan's sister, and they lived together as man and wife until the day of his arrest. Foley worked most of the time on the metropolitan sewer.

"A few weeks before his arrest Mr. and Mrs. Foley removed from Warren street, Boston, to Somerville. Mr. Foley gave to his wife the envelope containing his pay. He was a devoted, temperate husband. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Foley, July 5, 1894.

"On the night of Sept. 11, it will be shown that he was in bed with his wife and child between 10:30 o'clock at night and 5 o'clock in the morning of Sept. 12. You will be shown where he was a part of the time when they allege he was in Woburn, Burlington and Billerica.

"There was a fortunate reason and I think God was particularly good to this woman that night. It was that night that the first cross word passed between her and her husband. It was stamped upon her mind and she will relate to you upon the witness stand all the particulars of that occurrence."

Mrs. Foley took the stand, and, as far as a wife could do, she tried to establish an alibi for her husband. She said:

"I shall never forget the day of Sept. 11, 1894. My husband went to Charlestown to work. He ate his breakfast at home. I next saw him at 6.45 o'clock that night and he ate his supper. He brought some wood and coal, and told me that he was going with my brother Pat to have a ride. I next saw him at 10:30 o'clock that night.

"When my husband worked days he generally spent his time at home. The night of Sept. 11, I looked at the clock and saw it was 10:30 o'clock. I had to get up to open the door for him. He came in and went to bed. I lighted a lamp to see what time it was. The clock was on the mantel in the kitchen.

"I kept the clock at correct time by the horn blowing. My husband and I had some words that night. It was on account of his being out late. I did not like being left alone. He was sober and retired with me and our child.

"My baby was nursed at 2 o'clock on the morning of Sept 12 and my husband was lying on the bed. My husband went to the store at 6 o'clock in the morning to get some spareribs, cabbage and steak. We had smoked shoulder and fried eggs that morning for breakfast.

"On the night of Sept. 12 we were aroused by policemen at 12.30 o'clock. I answered the knock and was told they were policemen. They asked for Patrick Foley and if Patrick Sullivan was his brother-in-law. The officers entered. They told me to go or they would take my husband from me. My husband went out to them. I got some clean clothes for my husband before he was taken by the officers. He has not yet returned."

At the conclusion of her testimony Mrs. Foley reeled and fell to the floor in a faint. The judge ordered a recess while Mrs. Foley was cared for by a physician.

MUSIC HALL

Those present at last night's performance were agreeably delighted at the strong bill that was given and will continue to be given for the remainder of the week. The piece, "A Grip of Steel" by Benjamin Shirley and Arthur Lancleek, is an ideal melodrama and holds the attention of the audience from the beginning until the end of the last act. The scenic effects are many and appropriate while the cast is an exceptionally strong one.

James Gordon as Ronjane is a man of good abilities in his interpretation of this part. As the robber chief and as the husband, he was magnificent and his denunciation of the traitor Edouard in the third act was a masterly piece of acting and evoked great applause. John E. Hynes, as Pere Gaudeh, a miser, acted his acting part acceptably. The character of Edouard, the contemptible traitor, was taken care of by John Smiley and received the occasional hisses which such a part is entitled to. Frank M. Allen as the landlord of an inn showed wonderful nerve in his detective work. Al. Kranz as the Irish mesmerist and Lawrence Merton as a pal of Ronjane furnished the comedy end of the male cast and gave the audience something to laugh about. Miss Florence St. Leonard as the blind wife of Ronjane was clever. Her portrayal of this difficult role was indeed praiseworthy and merited the appreciation of those present. Miss Lois Jaynes as the landlord's daughter was vivacious and helped the comedy end of the play.

SAVOY THEATRE

Two large audiences were entertained at this house yesterday and the same enjoyment was manifest that was noted earlier in the week. The bill seems to please everybody. For entertainers there was Carlotta, champion lady cyclist and a former Lowell girl, who performed some wonderful and daring tricks on the wheel; Olga Collins & Mandell in a musical turn of great merit; good dancing by Morrisey & Proctor; Katherine Mingham in several vocal pieces; Hart & Beasle in comedy and clever impersonations and the three Renos in pantomime acrobatic work.

The usual matinee today at 2.30, the prices being 10 and 20 cents. This evening 8.15. Price 10, 20 and 30 cents.

MEMORIAL CHAIR

In Honor of Archbishop Williams

TO BE ENDOWED IN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Plans Adopted to Raise the Funds

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—A movement has been inaugurated in Boston to honor Archbishop Williams with what is generally considered the most fitting tribute to him. This movement has been started in connection with the mission of Archbishop Keane to raise $100,000 as a permanent endowment for the Catholic University in Washington. The idea is to raise in Boston alone the sum of $50,000 and to use this fund to found and endow a chair in the university as a memorial to Archbishop Williams.

All who have been consulted regarding the movement are enthusiastic over the idea. They consider it a happy and most appropriate way of honoring the archbishop and one of the most acceptable tributes that could be offered to the revered prelate himself. Moreover the plan is doubly popular from the fact that while the archbishop is being honored by the founding of the chair, the university is just as much benefited as though the money were given directly, without any specific object, but simply for the general endowment fund.

Archbishop Keane has still further simplified the plan to such an extent that the donors scarcely feel that they are making any contributions at all. To a Post representative he thus outlined the plan yesterday:

"In case the donors so desire, they need not pay us the money outright. All they need do is pay annually to the university the interest at 5 per cent. on the amount which they desire to contribute. The university would, of course, invest the money in any case for only the interest would be used for the university fund and when the donors desire they can retain the principal and pay the interest yearly to the university.

"We can confidently rely on the integrity of the people who contribute, and that being the case, the university is just as much benefited by getting the yearly interest. Of course eventually the principal should come into the possession of the university and with this object in view, many of the contributors have desired to make an arrangement to provide in their will for a legacy to the university to the amount of their contributions."

Archbishop Keane said that many had already made contributions of from $1000 to $5000. Under the plan outlined, a contributor of $1000 would only have to pay $50 a year which seems almost trifling, while even a contribution of $5000 would only mean a payment of $250 to the university.

The money will not be required until October of next year and by that time it is expected to have far more than the $50,000 required to endow the chair. It is probable that the presentation of the fund and the tribute to Archbishop Williams will be made the occasion for an interesting ceremony and that a delegation of clergymen and prominent laymen from Boston will make the formal presentation.

In Father Ronan's parish, Dorchester, Archbishop Keane has had remarkable success. James J. Costello, Esq., and a number of prominent men in the district have become much interested in the project and it is expected that all over the city the plan will be received with the same degree of enthusiasm.

PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

The Hildreth Mission, connected with the Fifth Street Baptist church, was the scene of a pleasant entertainment last night given under the auspices of Mrs. Neillson, Mrs. W. N. Burke, and Miss Minnie Hobbs. The program opened with a song of greeting by a chorus and among the other numbers on the program were songs by Miss Ladeur, Miss Millie Wentworth, Mrs. W. N. Burke and Miss Nellie Flanders; two dialogue selections and recitations by Jennie Shaw and Stella Wilson; and a banjo solo by Ray Gordon. Misses Edith Gilman and Eva Swann presided at the piano.

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MORRIS AND MALKA KANTEN, CHARGED WITH STEALING POCKET BOOKS, AND NOW UNDER ARREST IN BOSTON.

A BIG HAUL

MADE BY INSPECTOR WOLF OF THE BOSTON POLICE FORCE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Inspector Wolf yesterday arrested a man and two women on the charge of picking pockets and snatching bags in the large stores during the holiday rush.

When booked, the man gave the name of Morris Kanten, 24; the young woman that of Malka Kanten, his wife, 18, and the aged woman who said she was the mother of the younger one said her name was Hudas Goldstein. All are Russian Jews, and none of them are able to speak English. Inspector Wolf acted as interpreter. They lived at 5 Parkman street in the West end.

When searched at headquarters two pocketbooks were found on the young man, and two on the young woman, while the mother had concealed in her dress a bag containing $31.

In the pocket books found on the man were $9.40 in money and a lot of receipts and papers for which the police desire owners. There was an Adams express receipts for a bundle marked "Mrs. W. Mason, 632 St. Marks avenue, Brooklyn;" a receipt given to Emeline M. Childs for $2000 for a promissory note; a receipt to A. F. Preston from a department store for a bowl, 35 cents, and another 60 cents.

In another pocketbook there was a slip of paper on which was written, "No. 84-679, book B, of 8, page 99," one marked "L. Y. Martin, 159 East 2nd street, N. Y.; residence 40 Linden street, Dorchester," and a lottery ticket bearing the number 21,093 to be drawn Dec. 16.

In one of the pocketbooks found on the younger woman was $8.05, and in the other $2. Beside the pocketbooks there were found a gold charm, a dozen gold and silver foreign coins and a gold locket with a diamond setting, upon which was engraved the name, "Mrs. Frank R. Osborn, Jacksonville, Fla." The value of this jewel is placed by the police at about $100. On the husband also the police say were found two gold watches, diamonds, and jewelry valued at several hundred dollars.

TO SPIRIT LAND

Maurice E. Strauss a Well Known Actor

JUMPS FROM FALL RIVER BOAT

Asks to Have Spirits Photographed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—If his own statement is to be believed and it is supplemented by direct circumstantial evidence, Maurice E. Strauss, known to theatregoers in the days of the old Boston Museum Stock company, and also to the theatre-going public of New York and Washington, as Maurice Strafford, committed suicide Wednesday night by jumping from the Fall River boat while on his way to New York.

He left his lodgings, 6 Berwick Park, between 3 and 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after telling his landlady that he was going to New York that night. Yesterday morning a letter was received by an acquaintance in this city, written by Strauss before he left Boston, in which he stated that he was going to jump from the Fall River boat, Wednesday night and this appears to have been the tenor of a letter written to his brother, J. H. Strauss, of 1690 Broadway, New York, for yesterday the latter telegraphed to this city to ask if his brother was dead.

The letter to the Boston acquaintance was as follows:

Boston, Dec. 13, 1899.
6 Berwick Park

My Dear Mr. ————:

Thank you for your kind note. I am sorry that you could not come. These lines are to say good-bye to you. When you have received them I shall have passed away to the other world. I endeavored to prove to the world that Spiritualism really exists; that those who have passed away return to those dear to them here. These messages were from your old friend, Charles W. Thomas.

It is my request, one of the last on earth, that you visit Mrs. C. B. Bliss, 67 Pembroke street. Take Mr. Leach with you. Al. Leach, Charley says his name is. Take Jack Mason later. Prove to the theatrical profession that God permits us to return, for I will come back to earth before my body has been taken from the water.

I shall jump into my last resting place here from the Fall River boat tonight. It is without fear that I enter the other world. I have fought for a principle in my Saviour, Jesus Christ's name. I would labor faithfully further, but the obstacles have been too great and my strength fails me.

Write an article. Fear no publicity. Do it for our sake. Yes, all of those whom you knew in the Bohemian circle of Boston. Do so for Charley Thomas' sake, who has been near me often and who knows what I have endured, what my trials have been. Go to my apartments. Have my cabinet photographed. It was arranged for dear little ones who came back to earth through me. Good-bye. God bless you. Do it for me. Do it in Christ's name. Good-bye. God bless you.

Sincerely,
MAURICE E. STRAUSS. (Strafford.)

Have some spirits photographed at Mrs. Bliss'. God bless you."

This was written after the receipt of a reply from the friend declining an invitation to attend a Spiritualistic seance.

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New Time Schedule

Change to Go in Effect on Certain Street Railway Lines Sunday.

On and after Sunday, Dec. 17, 1899, the following time schedule will go into effect on the Middlesex street, North Chelmsford and Tyngsboro line and will remain in force until further notice:

Change of time on Middlesex street North Chelmsford and Tyngsboro line:

Leave Merrimack square for Tyngsboro 6.00, 6.55, 7.27 a. m. and every 40 minutes until 10.17 a. m.; 11.18 and every 30 minutes until 10.48 p. m.

Tyngsboro to Merrimack square: 6.40, 6.20, 6.57 and every 40 minutes until 11.23 a. m.; 12.03 and every 30 minutes until 10.33 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

Merrimack Square to Tyngsboro: 8.07, 8.47 a. m. and every 40 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.18 a. m. and every 30 minutes until 10.18 p. m.

Tyngsboro to Merrimack square: 8.57 a. m. and every 40 minutes until 10.57 a. m.; 11.23 a. m. and every 30 minutes until 10.03 p. m.

Merrimack Square to North Chelmsford: 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.07 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.48 p. m. Saturdays, 11.03 p. m.

North Chelmsford to Merrimack square: 5.55, 6.37, a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.17 a. m.; 11.33 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.33 p. m. 10.48 p. m. Saturdays.

SUNDAYS.

Merrimack Square to North Chelmsford: 8.07 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.18 p. m.

North Chelmsford to Merrimack square: 8.37 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.17 a. m.; 11.33 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.03 p. m., 10.18 p. m., 10.33 p. m.

Merrimack square to Wood street: 6.00, 6.20, 6.30, 6.55, 7.07 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.48 p. m., 11.18 p. m.

Wood street to Merrimack square: 5.37, 6.02, 6.37, 7.05 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.40 a. m.; 11.55 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.40 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

Merrimack Square to Wood street: 8.07 and every 20 minutes until 10.47 a. m.; 11.03 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.03, 10.18, 10.33 p. m.

Wood street to Merrimack square: 7.45 a. m. and every 20 minutes until 11.40 a. m.; 11.55 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 10.40 p. m.

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Ladies' Fine Quality Linen Hdkfs, in a pretty fan shape box, 1-2 doz. in a box, $1.98 per box

Ladies' Silk Embroidered, plain or initial Hdkfs, a special Holiday bargain, at 12 1-2c each

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ENGLAND'S HUMILIATION AND HOPE.

The reverses which England has suffered in the Boer war have brought upon her perhaps the greatest humiliation that she has experienced during the present century. After a recital of terrible disasters sustained by the British army in South Africa during the past few weeks, the people of England look anxiously to General Buller and his army corps for victory which will in some measure retrieve the honor the British army has lost in the conflict with the Boers. The report that General Buller had entered Ladysmith and captured from three to ten thousand Boers yesterday, brought much needed relief to England, although the news came without any confirmation from an authentic source. Still it was believed and caused a great restoration of confidence in the ability of the army in South Africa to conquer the Boers.

If the report is true it will be a great encouragement to the British army, but it will be by no means the end of the war. The Boers with their characteristic prowess and valor urged on by their unflinching love of liberty will fight until the last hope of further victory is gone.

Oom Paul before the war commenced warned England that she might eventually conquer the Boer republic, but she could not do so except at an appalling cost. Already his warning has taken on the force of prophecy, because thus far the cost to England has been appalling both in men and money as well as in the humiliation of the proud nation at home; and yet the war is far from being ended, and there is more humiliation in store for England before she adds the Transvaal to her dominions.

THE BRAKEMAN'S DANGER.

The shocking death of a brakeman near the School street crossing is a reminder of the many fatalities in that vicinity. There is outside of Boston, as there is at the approach of every large railroad terminus what is known as a "Know Nothing Crossing." It is where the trains entering and leaving the city cross from one track to another before getting upon the track which brings them to their destination outward or inward. It is the most dangerous place for trains and for people who are walking on the tracks, although the trains slack up as if to look ahead before dashing forward. The School street crossing is not of this special kind, but in regard to the number of accidents which occur there it is even worse. It is the most dangerous part of the railroad around Lowell.

The brakeman has at best the most dangerous occupation. He requires to have clearness of head and firmness of foot in order to perform his duty without accident, and when he makes a misstep his fate is something like that of James Ivory, who fell from a car near School street on Wednesday evening. Some years ago congress made provision for a different system of braking freight cars, but the railroad secured an extension of time for putting the act into effect. In the meantime brakemen must put up with the danger of running on the tops of trains and taking all risks of accidents. The death rate in this particular calling is perhaps the greatest of any occupation in the United States.

SOLICITOUS FOR BRYAN.

The Boston Herald is greatly troubled about Mr. Bryan and what he intends to do. At one time it says that the democratic leader is following a forlorn hope, at another that he is the inspiration of the democracy and still at another time, that he is the connecting link which holds the silver issue to the democratic platform; but now it declares that he has abandoned the silver issue altogether, and that in so doing he should retire as a presidential candidate. Mr. Bryan has not abandoned the silver issue, and he will not abandon it. He is not a leader of the weathervane kind, nor yet does he change like the mugwump press and when he is depicted in so many various lights and represented as being a lightning change artist the changes occur only in the imagination of the writers.

Mr. Bryan remains the same today as he was when at the Chicago convention he declared his belief in the necessity of free coinage of silver and gold as a relief for the financial stringency and other evils which the people suffer on account of the gold standard.

Boston Herald:
The vote cast for members of the school board in Tuesday's election is a very fertile field for political study. Mr. Coolidge, who headed the poll, was a democratic nominee, indorsed by the independent women voters and the public school association. His strength is well shown by the fact that he received a larger number of votes than did Mrs. Fifield, who had the same indorsement, with the added all of the republicans. It is not surprising to find Mrs. Fifield and Dr. McDonald in second and third positions, for they were on both the republican and democratic tickets, and the close to 8000 votes by which Mrs. Fifield leads Dr. McDonald may be taken as a sign of the aid given her by the women voters and public school association. The fourth candidate in the list is Mr. Abraham, running up to within about 100 votes of the third candidate, on only a democratic nomination. Messrs. Baldwin and Bulger also landed in the winning eight, with democratic credentials. Of the elected candidates, four, Messrs. Coolidge, Abraham, Baldwin and Bulger, are democrats; two, Messrs. Allen and Cushing, are republicans, and two, Mrs. Fifield and Dr. McDonald, had the backing of both parties. Just half of the winners were on the lists of the independent women voters and the public school association.

Mayor-elect Hart of Boston has made a great many promises to the people of what he will do during his incumbency. The harbor front is to receive attention and the streets are to be put in better condition. This is but a small portion of the program that he has mapped out for himself, and we rather surmise that he promised more than he can accomplish, even if he has the best of republican support. He posed as a friend of home rule for Boston and it remains to be seen what influence he can exert upon the legislature in restoring to Boston the right to manage her own local affairs.

Congress has decided to investigate the appointment of polygamous postmasters in Utah, but it is doubtful if any of them will be removed, even though there be the strongest evidence against them. There is a chronic state of ill-feeling between the Mormons and the latter will furnish all the evidence needed against the postmasters as they are now against Mr. Roberts taking his seat in congress.

The textile industries have increased wages, and this has aroused the other crafts, so that we may expect a general agitation among the latter for higher wages. The machine shops, the hosieries, the shoe shops and even the mercantile establishments will have to advance wages, while prices on commodities in general bound upward. There is no reason why wages should not also be increased.

By a popular vote in the last election the people of Boston have decided not to re-lay the tracks on Tremont street. This has settled the agitation which the merchants of that street have kept up ever since the subway was opened. Their business will suffer undoubtedly but we can see no immediate remedy.

Hereafter the democrats will realize what it means to temporize with cuckoos. Alderman Libby, by running independently, defeated the whole democratic aldermanic ticket with one exception. It is a bad policy to discriminate among political cuckoos.

CRISP GOSSIP

The Sun has received so many evidences of confused minds regarding the beginning of the 20th century that it will present a proof that the 19th century begins after the year 1900 is ended, in the shape of a little conversation:

Question—What is a year?
Answer—Three hundred and sixty-five days.
What is a century?
One hundred years.
When did the year No. 1 end?
December 31 of the year 1.
When did the year No. 2 begin?
January 1 of the year 2.
When did the year 99 end?
December 31, A. D. 99.
Did that complete a century?
No.
When was the century completed?
At the close of the year following 99; or at the close of the year 100.
When did the second century begin?
January 1 of the year 1 of the second century, that is January 1, A. D. 101.
When did the 19th century end?
At the close of the nineteenth hundred year, or at the close of 1900.
When does the 20th century begin?
It begins on day No. 1 of year No. 1 of the twentieth hundred year—that is, on January 1, A. D. 1901.
We must still see two Christmases before the 20th century dawns.

SUDDEN DEATH

OF GEORGE HUMMISTON IN EVERETT.

Mr. Samuel G. Hummiston of Westford received the sad news yesterday of the sudden death of his son, George, at his boarding house in Everett.

He was found dead in bed yesterday morning. Young Hummiston was about 25 years of age and in the employ of S. C. Studley & Co., produce dealers, Boston, with whom he had been about a year. It is supposed that the cause of death was heart failure. Wednesday he was apparently in good health with no premonitions of the sudden close of his earthly career. Deceased was a young man of exemplary character, correct habits, and with a bright mind and general disposition and the warm friendship of many acquaintances. His early and sudden decease is a grievous blow to the family circle.

Mr. Philip Favreau, delegate for the A. F. of L., has returned from Detroit, Mich., and is seriously ill at his home in Fourth avenue.

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COMMITTEE SELECTIONS

MADE BY REPUBLICANS OF THE SENATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The republicans in the senate today adopted the changes made by the committee on committees. The more important changes in the republican membership of the committees follow:

Finance—Hanabrough, Spooner.
Appropriations—Warren, Wetmore, Carter.
Foreign Relations—Wolcott.
Judiciary—Fairbanks, Simon.
Commerce—Hanna, Mason, Depew.
Agriculture—Foster.
Coast and Insular Survey (new—Foster, chairman; Hawley, McMillan, Perkins, Wellington.
Contingent Expenses—Keane, Scott.
Census—Quarles, McComber.
Civil Service—Baker, Chairman.
Claims—Warren, chairman; McComas, Depew, McComber, Keane.
District of Columbia—Stewart, Wellington.
Education and Labor—McComas.
Civil Service—Ross, chairman; Debue.
Fisheries—Foster.
Forest Observations— Beveridge, chairman; Carter, McBride, Depew.
Geological Surveys—Keane.
Immigration—Penrose, chairman; Sewall in place of Nelson.
Indian Affairs—Thurston, chairman; Nelson, Baker, Quarles, McComber, Kyle.
Indian Depredations—Debue, chairman; McBride, Ross, Beveridge.
Interoceanic Canal—McBride, Hanna
Interstate commerce—Keane.
Irrigation—Simon, chairman; Stewart, Quarles.
Manufactures—Scott, Foster.
Military Affairs—Burrows.
Mines—Clark (Wyo.), Scott.
Naval Affairs—Penrose.
Executive Departments—McComas, chairman; Beveridge.
Pacific Island and Porto Rico, (New)—Foraker, chairman; Gallinger, Perkins, Fairbanks, Nelson, McComas, Depew.
Patents—Pritchard, chairman; McComas.
Pensions—Debue, Quarles, McCumber.
Philippines, (New)—Lodge, chairman; Allison, Hale, Davis, Proctor, McBride, Beveridge.
Post Offices—Elkins.
Printing—Platt (N. Y.), chairman; Elkins.
Private Land Claims—Beveridge.
Privileges and Elections—McComas.
Public Buildings and Grounds—Fairbanks, chairman; Scott, Quarles.
Public Health—Spooner, Debue, Depew.
Public Lands—Clark, (Wyo.); Kean.
Railroads—Hawley, Wetmore, Scott.
Relations with Canada—Fairbanks, Cullom.
Relations with Cuba, (New)—Platt, (Conn.), chairman; Aldrich, Cullom, Davis, McMillan, Chandler, Spooner.
Revolutionary Claims—Foster.
Rules—Elkins.
Territories—Beveridge.
Transportation Routes—Quarles, chairman; Simon.
Potomac River Front—Hoar, Wetmore, Foster.
Five Civilized Tribes—Baker.
Transportation of Meat Products—McCumber, McComas.
Industrial Expositions—Depew, chairman; Proctor, Hanabrough, Lodge.
National Banks—Keane, chairman.
Trespassers on Indian Lands—McCumber, chairman.
Woman Suffrage—Foster.

It is observed that Kyle (Independent) and Stewart (Silver) are considered in the majority list of committees.

HIBBARD CONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of George A. Hibbard to be postmaster at Boston.

LAWRENCE HOSIERY

TO GRANT AN INCREASE OF WAGES.

The Lawrence hosiery is the last mill heard from as giving an advance to their employes. This advance is to go into effect at the same time as that of the other mills, but as yet it has not been decided what the advance will be. The employes of the hosiery are jubilant over the good news, and expect that it will reach a 10 per cent increase.

TROLLEY AND WHIST PARTY.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Paradis, the well-known theatrical artists, paid them a friendly call at their country home in Billerica Centre last evening. The ride out was delightfully pleasant, and the party on arriving found everything in readiness for a game of progressive whist. There were six tables, and judging from some of the scores there were a number of expert whist players in the party. The prizes were awarded as follows: First prize, silver paper knife with pearl handle, Mr. Joseph Mercier; pair of silver napkin rings, Mrs. Albert Ware. The second prize, a bunch of cigars, was won by Dr. O'Donnell of Billerica Centre, and the second lady's prize, a Wedgewood vase, was won by Miss Pigeon. The consolation prize, "The Yellow Kid," came to Mrs. John J. Gaynor. Refreshments were served, and after a short time spent in social chat the party left for home on the 11.45 car after having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Mr. George Coulam of Salt Lake city, Utah, is visiting with relatives at 214 Shaw street. He was also a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Coulam of 43 Bowditch street.

S. A. R. BANQUET

Old Middlesex Chapter, S. A. R. Held a Meeting

SOME VERY INTERESTING PAPERS READ

Paper on Washington Read by Solon W. Stevens

A special meeting of Old Middlesex Chapter, S. A. R., was held last night at the St. Charles Hotel and the attendance of the members was very large. Shortly before 7 o'clock supper was served and at the conclusion of the feast a little business was disposed of.

A message of sympathy was directed and sent to Geo H. Stevens, Esq., the historian of the chapter, at present confined to his home by sickness and the hope was expressed that he may be speedily restored to his usual health.

Samuel Burbank was admitted to membership. It was voted that at the next meeting of the chapter the ladies be invited to attend and as instructed by the vote, the president appointed as a committee to make necessary arrangements, Messrs. J. G. Butrick, W. W. Johnson and J. Neale in furtherance of a plan recently begun of exchanging speakers and papers with other chapters. President Parker was recently the guest of the old Suffolk Chapter, S. A. R., of Chelsea and read a paper which has been read at the old Middlesex Chapter.

As a return of the courtesy the guest of the evening was Prescott Chamberlin, Esq., president of Old Suffolk chapter, who read a paper on Pemaquid. This was a most valuable historical account of that place (now Bristol) one of the earliest and most interesting settlements on the Maine coast. The paper, though of some length, was listened to with a close attention that was fully rewarded and was worthy of a more extended notice than is available in a report like this.

Following was a brief paper by Jas. F. Savage, Esq., on the Evacuation of Charleston, S. C., Dec. 14, 1782 by the British, of which the meeting was in commemoration, in which was portrayed most intelligently and graphically the trials of the citizens both in and out of the Continental army and the joy and eagerness when the soldiers were allowed to come back on the departure of the British army.

Just a century ago, the father of his country, George Washington, breathed his last, and Solon W. Stevens delivered a scholarly and eloquent address upon the life and character of Washington.

Reference was made to the many estimates of his character that have been made by different writers showing how those who have tried to write him down have failed. During his life he was the object of the bitterest vituperation from enemies and yet his character seems to grow in the esteem of the people.

After a most hearty vote of thanks to the speakers the meeting was closed with the customary singing of "America."

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The thirteenth anniversary of Passaconaway tribe, I. O. R. M., was celebrated last evening at Post 85 hall, with a supper and entertainment. The celebration was held in connection with the 60th anniversary of the death of George Washington, the grand council of Red Men having united yesterday with the Masons in the ceremonies at the grave of Washington at Mount Vernon, Va.

Supper was served from 6 to 7.30, after which came an entertainment consisting of an address by Deputy Great Sachem J. H. Orr of Reading, Mass., and selections by the Edison concert phonograph under the charge of Mr. Warshell. The supper committee was Milo Clifford, chairman; Arthur W. Garland, secretary and treasurer; L. T. Moody, C. T. Mann, R. F. Swanson, J. H. Breed, P. J. Brennan, J. H. Hickey, Charles F. Nichols, Frank Nichols. The ladies who had charge of the supper were: Mrs. Milo Clifford, Mrs. Jennie M. Bailey, Mrs. J. R. Towle, Mrs. C. T. Flanders, Mrs. John Coram, Miss Moody and Mrs. Frank Taylor. Mr. Nuid of Providence, R. I., was present as a guest of Passaconaway tribe.

A supper and general good time were held last night by Centralville lodge, D. of R. T. C. T., the occasion being their fifth anniversary. The following named officers from Boston were present: Grand Master F. W. Fish, Grand Marshal Austin E. Estey, Grand Instructor Webber, Grand Warden Johnson and Grand Secretary F. T. Perkins. District Deputy Mrs. Joseph Wright and suite of this city were present also.

Supper was served at 6.30, Atwood's orchestra furnishing the music.

The elective officers of Highland union and Evening Star lodges of Lowell and Winning lodge of Billerica were re-elected. The Rebecca degree was worked on four candidates.

The regular meeting of Veritas lodge, I. O. F. M. U., was held last night and examination of officers took place. They will be elected at the next regular meeting. After the meeting a general social time took place. There was a piano solo by Miss Frances Whitworth, a duet by Mrs. Mowatt and Mrs. Noble and songs by Mrs. Nellie Grant and Mrs. Nellie Spilling.

At the regular meeting of Washington commandery, Order of the Golden Cross, last night, only routine business was transacted.

Veritas lodge, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting last evening and transacted routine business only.

At the regular meeting of Lowell lodge, K. of P., last evening, two applications were received and four candidates were initiated. The committee on the fair met and completed arrangements.

Five candidates were initiated and four propositions were accepted last night at the regular meeting of Court General Sheridan, Foresters of America. Arrangements were made to celebrate the sixteenth anniversary with an entertainment and smoke talk in February.

Last night at the regular meeting of Victoria lodge, I. O. F. M. U., officers were nominated. After the business meeting there were piano selections given by Mrs. Whitworth and Emma Lord.

The ball committee of the Iron Moulders' union met last night at B. C. State hall and completed arrangements for their ball to be held next week.

The second degree was worked on one candidate last night at the regular meeting of Monomaiac encampment, I. O. O. F.

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LADIES OF CHARITY

OF ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL HELD A MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Ladies of Charity of St. John's hospital was held last night. There was a good attendance but no special business was transacted. The ladies present during the evening did a little sewing and other things, which in any way would benefit the hospital. The members were much grieved over the departure of Sister Felicite from the hospital, where she was a favorite. She is now situated at Buffalo, N. Y., having charge of the hospital of the Sisters of Charity at that place. After the meeting the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given in the chapel.

THE ANNUAL SALE

Of the Young Women's Hospital Guild

The annual sale, which is conducted at Carleton's and Hovey's by the Young Women's Hospital guild for the benefit of the Lowell general hospital, is meeting with an abundance of success.

Mrs. Thomas G. McCannon and Mrs. Frank Howe are in charge and they are ably assisted by several young women of the guild dressed in most becoming costumes.

No one can pass the store without being attracted to the beautifully adorned window. Not only is the window space on one side occupied but a long counter is weighed down with the good things usually found on the up-to-date fancy tables. Even without the decorations the articles themselves would present a most inviting appearance but the lavender trimmings enhance the beauty of the scene.

It would be impossible to mention the various articles on sale, but to say that the display is a complete one is definite enough for all prospective purchasers. One of the features of the sale is the presence of a number of dolls dressed in the costumes of various callings. First there is the doll dressed as a nurse, next comes one in the garb of a full-fledged golf player and so on. In addition to the fancy articles there are some beautiful four-in-hand neckties that any man might be proud to own.

A beautiful pillow and a dainty table cloth are the principals in a merry guessing contest now in progress and they will prove valuable properties to the two who are endowed with good luck. The little ones will find several things that they might expect to find on Christmas trees and parents could there choose many a small thing to be put into the hung-up stocking.

On Saturday morning next will begin the sale of cake, mince pies and plum pudding and unless all indications fail a thriving business will be done.

Orders for Christmas greens left with the young women in charge of the sale will receive prompt attention.

CHELMSFORD

Charles J. Sodeberg and family removed this week to Lowell for the winter.

Sunday services: Central Congregational—Preaching by the pastor at 10.45; Bible school at 12; C. E. services at 6.15; at 7 lecture in the auditorium, "Footprints of the Man of Galilee," illustrated with stereopticon views. Unitarian—Rev. L. H. Buckshorn of Westford will preach in the morning; Y. P. C. meeting at 6.30, led by Miss Pearl Dyer. Subject, "The Beauty of Wholeness."

All Saints': Holy communion, 10 a. m.; service and sermon, 10.45; Sunday school at noon.

The net receipts of the Central Congregational fair amounted to the gratifying sum of $255.

The Men's club of the Central Congregational church had a good attendance.

AN ENTERTAINMENT

GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF BARTLETT LITERARY UNION.

The first of the entertainment course of the season of 1899-1900 by the members of the Bartlett Literary club, comprised entirely of ladies, was given last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carroll on Mt. Vernon street. About 20 guests were present and the tickets were placed at the generosity of the purchaser. The proceeds will be devoted to some worthy charity.

The program presented by the young women was one of merit and greatly enjoyed by those present. The program follows: Address of welcome, Miss Bessie Carroll; reading, "Longfellow," Miss Louise Parker; piano solo, Miss Mary Cover; chorus, "Search for the Fairy Queen," members of the Bartlett club (Miss Helen Hogan making a very pretty queen of the Fairies); piano solo, Miss Etta Hogan; reading, "A letter to God," Miss Katherine O'Donnell; piano duet, "Whispering Echoes," Misses Louise Parker and Bessie Carroll; reading, "The Calico Cat," Miss Helen Hogan.

Some excellent tableaux were next given. The first was the old year and the new year, represented by Miss Helen Hogan as the old and Miss Louise Parker as the new year.

Easter was impersonated by Miss Etta Hogan; Fourth of July by Miss Mary Cover; Thanksgiving by Miss Katherine O'Donnell and Christmas was given by two characters, Miss Bessie Carroll and Miss Helen Hogan.

A very cleverly written dialogue in two scenes, entitled, "Five Girl Graduates of Miss Prunnett's seminary," concluded the evening's program, in which the young women showed themselves adepts in histrionic roles.

RECOUNT ASKED

IN THE BOSTON MAYORALTY VOTE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—At a conference of the democrat leaders yesterday, it was voted to petition for a recount for mayor of last Tuesday. As Mr. Hart's plurality now stands at only 2064, a change of 1100 votes would make a difference in the result.

THE BOYS' CLUB.

The project to organize a Boys' club that was started last spring has made such satisfactory progress that upwards of $61 has already been subscribed and the amount is being added to daily.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
PROBATE COURT.

Middlesex, ss.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE [illegible] late of Lowell in said county, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court for probate, by JOSEPH H. McGRATH, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor thereto named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate court, to be held in Lowell, in said county of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of December, A. D., 1899, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least before said court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said court.

Witness, CHARLES [illegible], Esquire, First Judge of said court, this fifth day of December, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

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THE SUN EXTRA!

6 O'CLOCK

WAS SENT TO JAIL

Young Man Charged With Assault and Battery

ON DRIVER FRED L. DAVIS

A Couple Held For Adultery

Only one drunk apeared in the police court before Judge Hadley this morning. Thomas F. Fahey was the unfortunate. He is an old-timer, and was sentenced to the state farm at Bridgewater. He appealed and was held in $200 for the superior court.

John Sweet and Winifred Redigan were charged with adultery. Both pleaded not guilty, but the court found otherwise, and they were held for the superior court, Redigan in the sum of $400, and Sweet in $300. The Redigan woman is known to be a bad character, and is no stranger to the police. She is a married woman, but her husband is in England, where he has been for four years.

Herbert Evans was charged with drunkenness, and on two counts with assault and battery on Driver Fred L. Davis of the patrol wagon and Carrie S. Jones. The defendant pleaded guilty to all three charges.

The trouble occurred Monday night at Mrs. Jones' house in Carpet Lane, where Evans boarded. He came home intoxicated and assaulted Mrs. Jones. The latter sent her little daughter to Mrs. Davis's house, which is not far away, and he came back with the girl. When Davis got to the Jones' house, he asked what the trouble was. Mrs. Jones told him that Evans had assaulted her and Mr. Davis thereupon ordered him to leave the house. He said he would and started for the door. He turned around suddenly and struck the driver in the eye, stunning him for a time. Davis was caught unprepared, but he grabbed the defendant and a tussle ensued. The patrol wagon driver got the best of his man and brought him to submission. The defendant then asked Davis to let him get his pipe which he said was on the table. Davis did so, but instead of getting the pipe, Evans blew out the light and grabbing a bottle of alcohol from the table threw it at Davis. It struck him in the hand, cutting it badly. Davis went after him again and soon got the best of him and then sent him to the station.

The defendant had nothing to say in explanation. He has a police record. He was sentenced to jail, two months for assault on Mrs. Jones, five months for assault on Mr. Davis and eight days for drunkenness.

The case of William McClure of Chelmsford charged with illegal keeping of liquor was continued till Friday next for trial.

Samuel Cohen was charged with the larceny of a cow from Cyrus E. Allen of Dunstable. When the case was called, Cohen was not in court, nor was his counsel, John J. Harvey, Esq. A representative of Mr. Harvey was present, however, and requested a continuance, which the court granted.

The case was put over until Wednesday next for trial. D. J. Donahue, Esq., appears for the government in this case.

Narcisse Morin pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny. He was charged with stealing $11 from D. Dimodanu. The court imposed a fine of $15.

The continued case of Herbert Hazelton of Dracut, charged with illegal keeping of liquor, was next brought up for trial. Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., appeared for the defendant and John J. Hogan, Esq., for the town of Dracut.

Officer Crawford of Dracut was the first witness for the government. His testimony in detail was that Dec. 2d, he visited the defendant's cottage in Kenwood and found five bottles of lager on the table, a bottle of whiskey in the sitting room, four lager bottles in a dress suit case, a bottle of lager in the front hall and one in the parlor. He went down in the cellar and found ten empty beer kegs, and about one hundred empty whiskey bottles. And, also, sixteen glasses and thirty-three empty lager bottles.

Witness said he started to watch the place on the first of September. On the third day of September he watched the place for an hour and a half, in company with Officer Robinson, and saw a drunken man come out of the house. On this night witness said that he did not see Mr. and Mrs. Hazelton around the house. Officer Crawford also visited the house a number of times prior to the day of the seizure.

Fred P. Vinal, a special officer of the town of Dracut, was next placed on the stand. He testified to knowing the defendant, but did not know whether he lived there or not. He was in company with the other officers on the night of the seizure and saw five bottles partly full on the table, where some men were playing cards.

On cross-examination, witness said he saw lights in the house at all hours of the night, and one night in June he saw defendant get off the car in an intoxicated condition.

George F. Tucker, an officer of Dracut, testified to going to the house in question on the night of the seizure. He, also, made previous visits to the house. Witness corroborated the statement of Officer Crawford, in regard to the finding of the liquor.

Andrew M. Robinson, residing at the Brookside farm and a special officer of the town, said to his knowledge, Mr. Hazelton resided in Dracut for two years. Three weeks ago, witness said he saw a wagon load of goods leaving the house which he considered was household furniture.

Jesse Richardson, a town officer of Dracut, testified to not knowing the defendant in the case, but was one of the officers who made the seizure and corroborated the statements of the previous witnesses.

The government here rested the case.

Mr. Donahue, at this point, raised the argument that there was not sufficient evidence given by the government to have defendant give an explanation why the liquor was there and for what purpose.

His honor thought that there was enough of evidence to continue the case, and it, therefore, proceeded.

Herbert Hazelton the defendant in the case, was next placed on the stand. He testified to living at 11 Livermore street, Lowell, for the last five years, and that he never owned any of the liquor that was found there. The liquor, he testified, was brought by different people from Lawrence. Defendant said he had not been to the house in question over a half dozen times during the last three months. The empty bottles, defendant said, were got out of the river by a boy in defendant's employ.

On cross-examination by Lawyer Hogan, defendant said he owned the land and house and let any of the persons who helped him to build the house use it at any time they wished to do so, by leaving the key outside of the front door on the piazza. He testified to sleeping at the house two or three times during the summer season.

Defendant said most of the kegs of lager were sent by an M. T. Mack of Lowell. In regard to the whiskey found, he knew nothing about it. He testified to seeing the lager beer on the night of the seizure, it being there before he left for Lowell. The glasses, he testified, also belonged to another party. Defendant testified to bringing four kegs of beer in a canoe at different times, up the river from Lawrence.

Mrs. Hazleton, wife of the defendant testified to going down to the house often, but never saw any liquor drank or sold on the premises.

Mr. Hazleton was recalled and said he arranged with the men in Lawrence to come into court and testify in his behalf, and the men had promised to come. He issued a subpeona and gave it to a constable to serve, them.

His Honor in summing up the evidence, found defendant guilty and ordered him to pay a fine of $75. Defendant, through his counsel, appealed to the superior court and was held in $300 bonds.

MATRIMONIAL.

GURNEY—JAQUES.

Mr. George H. Gurney, bookkeeper in the Traders' National bank, and Miss Grace Jaques of Dracut were married Wednesday evening by Rev. Smith Thomas Ford, at his residence in School street. Mr. Ernest Warren and Miss Grace McGilevry were best man and bridesmaid.

After the marriage a reception was held at the home of Mr. Frank Lawrence in Appleton street, for immediate friends only.

SEVERE GALE

MAKING HEAVY WORK FOR VESSELS OFF CHATHAM.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHATHAM, Mass., Dec. 15.—A severe northeast gale set in here early this morning, and is making heavy work for vessels off shore. Pollock Rip Shoal is one mass of breakers,and it will be extremely dangerous for any vessels to pass there. Considerable anxiety is felt for a tug and two barges which passed down at 9 o'clock this morning. They are experiencing the storm in full force and were making bad weather of it. A steamer of the Baltimore line passed at 10.30 running rapidly before the wind, while many vessels are lying to.The schooners J. Frank Seavey and Harry C. Miles, with about a dozen others have gone into Provincetown. The storm is apparently increasing, but the indications are that the wind will sheer to the west and go down with the sun.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The following Massachusetts pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 4, are announced:

Original—Aaron C. Joseph, New Bedford, $6; Leonard Thompson, Lowell, $5; Clarence A. Brackett, Chelsea, $6; Michael Crahan, Roxbury, $6.

Increase—George P. Scharff,Charlestown, $12 to $14.

Original, Widows, etc.—(Special accrued Dec. 4), Jane Berry, Attleboro, $8.

DEATHS.

DINLEY—Thomas Dinley, aged 31 years and a well known citizen of Dracut, died early this morning at his home in Dinley street at the navy yard after a brief illness. He is the third victim of the typhoid epidemic that has been raging in Collinsville, he having contracted the disease while employed in the mill there. His early and sudden demise is a grievous blow to his family and large circle of friends. The deceased was a young man of exemplary character, correct habits and of a bright and genial disposition and had the friendship of many acquaintances. He has been a lifelong resident of Dracut and was well known throughout the town. He was a devoted husband and kind father. Deceased is survived by a wife and two children, Walter and Ellen, a father, Hugh Dinley, and three brothers, Michael and James of the navy yard and Frank of Penacook, N. H. The funeral will take place from the late home of the deceased Sunday afternoon.

KELLEY—Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley, widow of Daniel Kelley, died yesterday at the residence of her son-in-law, Thomas Smith, in Gorham street in East Chelmsford, aged 82 years. She leaves two sons, Edwin, of this city, Thomas A. of Minneapolis and two daughters, Mrs. J. Mears of Maynard, Mass.,and Mrs. Smith of East Chelmsford.

MELENFY—John H. Melenfy, aged 62 years, died yesterday at the Lowell General hospital. His home is in Dracut.

TREMBLAY—Narcisse Tremblay, aged 26 years, died yesterday at his late home, 22 Coolidge stret.

LANGLAIS—Blandine Langlais, infant child of Elodu and Mary Langlais, died yesterday at the home of her parents, 35 Marshall street.

PLAGUE GONE

KOBE WILL SOON BE DECLARED FREE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 1, (Via Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15).—Within a few days it is expected that Kobe will be declared free from the plague. No cases except one of doubtful character have been reported there since Nov. 17th.

Sessions of the Diet have thus far been quiet and things point to an indefinite continuance of the Yamagata cabinet.

The hearing on the appeal of Robert Miller, an American, under sentence of death for murder, has been postponed to December 18.

The government mining bill does not contain the expected provision granting to foreigners a right to own and work mines in the empire.

REFUSE TO ENLIST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VALEJO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Sixty recruits of the United States training ship Hartford have refused to sign articles of enlistment, because, as they claim, the government charges them with the cost of their uniforms and clothes.

THREE BRISK FIRES

Department Had Three Long Runs

BARN ON EMERY FARM DESTROYED

Small Blaze in a Charles Street Block

There were three fires yesterday, one in the afternoon and two in the evening.

About 5.04 o'clock, boxes 18 and 82 were sounded almost simultaneously for a slight blaze in the house of Ezra Smith in Bellevue street. Mrs. Smith was lighting the gas jets in the different rooms of the house with a lighter and as she passed from one room to another, the draperies on one of the windows caught fire from the lighter. The draperies were completely destroyed, some of the woodwork was scorched and there was also some damage to the furniture.

The department was called out again about 6.50 by an alarm from box 75. It was for a fire in a barn on the old Emery farm and situated directly in the rear of Charles W. Mevis' house, superintendent of the farm. This proved to be the most destructive fire of the day. The blaze had gained considerable headway before the firemen arrived and it looked for a time as though the flames would spread to the house, but the firemen prevented this though they found it impossible to save the barn, which was completely gutted. The building was stocked with cord wood and also contained some old furniture. The blaze is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

The third alarm was from box 35 at 7.50, being occasioned by a small fire in the tenement of P. A. Golden in McEvoy's block on Charles street. The fire started in a pile of oily waste in the woodbox and was probably caused by a match being thrown into it. The blaze was extinguished before it had done much damage.

ARCHER A BANKRUPT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Dan. W. Archer, a broker, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District court. His liabilities are placed at $137,297 and assets at $16,090 consisting of property in Council Bluffs, Ia. Among the principal creditors are: New Hampshire Banking company of Nashua, N. H., $15,045; Keene Five Cent Savings bank, Keene, N. H., $8,009

ALLEGED FIREBUG

WERE ARRESTED BY THE CHELSEA POLICE YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Yesterday afternoon, William A. Bills, 30, living at 21 Shawmut street, and Fred H. McArdle, 21, living at 17 Orange street, Chelsea were arrested at the Chelsea police station by Acting Sergeant Tucker and Patrolman O'Neil on a charge of setting fire to the building at the corner of 5th and Spruce streets, Chelsea.

The two men are partners and conducted a leather heel manufactory in the building. The fire occurred there the first day of the month. The firemen found that the fire started in a pile of leather scraps in the portion occupied by the two men. Since then the fire has been investigated by the fire marshal's department and the case is now in charge of Deputy State Fire Marshal Morrison.

Both young men are well known in Chelsea. They are members of the Mt. Bellingham M. E. church. Mr. Bills is married and the engagement of Mr. McArdle was recently announced.

THE WEATHER

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: fair weather tonight and Saturday; decidedly colder; west winds.

FUNERALS.

McNABB—The remains of Catherine McNabb arrived here this morning from Baltimore, Md., and the funeral took place at 9 o'clock from the northern depot. Rev. William D. Joyce, O. M. I., conducted services at the grave in the Catholic cemetery and the bearers were Patrick Teague, Constantine O'Donnell, James Owens, Michael McQuade, John McSorley and Frank King. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell. Among the out of town people present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McElroy of Baltimore and Mr. and Mrs. John Hannigan of Providence.

GALLAGHER—The funeral of Sabina Gallagher, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from 9 Whiting street and was largely attended. The bearers were Patrick Murphy, Patrick Boyle, Dennis Boyle, John Rabbit, John Martin and Michael McDonough. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell.

SPAULDING —Impressive services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Bartlett, pastor of the Central Congregational church, yesterday afternoon, over the remains of the late Jacob Spaulding,at his home, Billerica street, Chelmsford. The funeral was largely attended and many people from Billerica, Carlisle and other places were present. The bearers were near relatives. Walter Perham was funeral director and burial was in the Centre cemetery.

CHAMPAGNE—The funeral of Josephine Champagne took place Thursday morning from her late home, 153 Rock street, and was very largely attended. Mass was celebrated at eight o'clock at St. Jean Baptiste church, Rev Fr. Fournier, O. M. I., officiating. The bearers were four brothers of the deceased. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Joseph Albert.

IRON WORKS SOLD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRIDGEWATER, Mass., Dec. 15.—It is announced at the plant of the Bridgewater Iron Works company, which comprises 15 acres of lands and 12 buildings containing a floor space of 100,000 square feet had been sold to the Stanley Iron Works of New Britain, Conn. The plant is equipped with modern machinery. J. H. Stetson, the present manager, will remain. The price paid is not given out.

MAJOR PROCTOR

Gov. Elect Crane Names Lowell Man

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Governor-elect Crane has tendered the appointment of assistant quartermaster general on his military staff, with rank of major to Capt. Charles S. Proctor of Lowell.

A TEA SERVICE

Gift to Rev. T. S. Sayer and Family

A farewell reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Thomas E. Sayer and daughter Ethel last evening in the Immanuel Baptist church, Blossom street. They are to leave Lowell next Tuesday, Mr. Sayer having accepted a call to the People's Baptist church in Nantucket. His work in the new field begins Sunday, December 24. As an expression of love from the people to their retiring pastor, a beautiful silver tea service was presented. The gift came as a surprise to Rev. and Mrs. Sayer, who were much affected by this token of regard.

A program of singing and speaking was prepared as follows: Prayer, Rev. S. T. Ford; singing, by the choir; remarks, Rev. Bowley Green; duet, Misses Laura and Isabella Gillespie; remarks, Rev. Asa Reed Dilts; song, Mr. Robert Rodger; remarks, Rev. S. T. Ford; song, Mr. William Beaver; remarks, Rev. H. W. O. Millington; presentation, by Rev. Bowley Green; song, Mrs. William Leggat; reading of an original poem, "Farewell," Mrs. Leggat; benediction, Rev. S. T. Ford.

A WONDERFUL SCIENCE.

For a great many years the gypsies have demonstrated to the people of Europe and America the mysteries of palmistry. For the last few years it has been more popular than ever. Now we have Madam Mariani, a marvelous exponent of the art, come to Lowell to show us her wonderful powers. She comes with numerous press notices, etc. This is Madame Mariani's second annual visit to Lowell. She created a great sensation here a year ago on Central street. Now she is in her parlors, 46 and 47 Bon Marche building, where a visit will repay your trouble. She is not confined to palmistry alone, but is an expert card reader, having practiced it for years. Her style is different from all others. Don't mistake the number, 47 Bon Marche building.

SMASHED FURNITURE

DRUNKEN MAN DOES DAMAGE IN SHATTUCK BLOCK.

Passersby on Prescott street were treated to some excitement in mid-air this afternoon when an article of crockery ware came shooting through a rear window on the top floor of the Shattuck block, breaking into fragments on the pavement below and of course carrying the glass with it. Following it, a rocking chair came half way through the window but on account of its ponderous size remained caught to the sash.

The police went up immediately and Officer J. B. Crowley found a man named Jeremiah Burke in the room in an intoxicated condition while the furniture and fixtures appeared to have been struck by a cyclone. Burke was arrested.

GEN. McDONALD

ORDERED TO COMMAND OF THE HIGHLAND BRIGADE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—There was little news this morning to throw fresh light on the situation at the seat of war. The artillery firing heard near Colenso is taken to indicate a preliminary to the expected big battle. General Garton is reported to have thirty-eight guns in good positions and the Boers are apparently pursuing the same tactics as at Magersfontein, not replying with the view of concealing their position until the infantry is brought into play.

It was feared that the first war office despatches announcing fighting at Zoutspan Drift indicated that General Methuen had been forced to return to the Orange river. But apparently it only involved a brush with the troops protecting the line of communication as Zoutspan Drift is considerably southwest of the Orange river base.

Some of the specials estimate that the Boers' loss at Magersfontein was 200 men.

Considerable satisfaction is felt both in military and civil circles by the announcement that General Hector MacDonald, whose splendid defeat of the dervishes' flank attack at Omdurman, turned a critical situation into a British victory, has been ordered to leave India immediately, to succeed the late General Wauchope in command of the Highland brigade. General Tucker commanding at Secunderabad, has also been ordered to the Cape to command a division.

The war office has a dispatch from Col. Kekewich, dated Kimberley, Dec. 10, saying: "The Boers have re-attacked Kuruman and have again been repulsed by loyalists and Bechuanas. The Kimberley forces made a demonstration northward December 9 and drew 500 Boers and three guns. Fighting ensued for several hours. The British casualties were one man killed and seven wounded."

SCORE OF NEW YORK DEBUTANTES

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Five hundred guests, including a score of the prettiest debutantes of the season, took possession of the Waldorf-Astoria last night. It was the first grand rally of society—except the horse show—the first assembly ball.

Each of the 50 patronesses invited seven men and five women. The surplus of men apparent in this arrangement was not observed at the ball, long practice having enabled the patronesses to accurately judge the percentage of male derelicts.

Not until 11 was there any animation other than the beautiful decorations that one of the big events of the season was on. At that hour carriages began to crowd 5th avenue and 34th street.

CASE WORKS DESTROYED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRISTOL, Conn., Dec. 15.—The case works of the E. N. Welch Manufacturing company, clock manufacturers, at Forestville, were burned last night. Loss, $5,000.

KINSLEY AGAIN

Expert Under Weeks' Cross-Fire of Questions

GIVING VARIOUS SPECIMENS OF WRITING

In an Attempt to Confuse Him

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The cross-examination of Expert Kinsley was resumed in the Molineux trial today. The witness denied that he had seen a reproduction of the poison package address in a newspaper on January 2, but he did read on that date that the police suspected Molineux.

Mr. Weeks handed the witness one of the specimens of writing given into his (Mr. Kinsley's) possession on January 1, 1899. As he did so, Mr. Weeks asked:

"Does not that purport to be a signature of J. Morton Riggs?"

Mr. Osborne objected and the objection was sustained. Mr. Weeks then offered the paper in evidence and Mr. Osborne again objected, saying if the writing of every person investigated by the witness were to be offered it would take a wagon to bring the specimens to court and 18 months to try the case. The court then ruled the defence could offer the paper to be marked for identification but sustained the objection of the prosecution.

Mr. Weeks then said that he wanted to offer this paper in evidence for the ultimate purpose of attacking the credibility of the witness. Mr. Osborne withdrew his objection, and the paper was examined by the jury.

Mr. Weeks objected several times when certain of his questions were ruled out, and finally the recorder threatened that if the cross-examination was not continued, he would excuse the witness.

Mr. Weeks mentioned exhibits B and H, and asked the witness if he had examined them for the purpose of comparison with the address on the poison package. Mr. Kinsley said he had not for the reason that he had considered the specimens too meagre.

Mr. Kinsley denied that he had been paid for a newspaper interview which appeared last January. He had first expressed an absolute opinion that the address on the poison package was in the defendant's writing, to Detective Captain McClusky about February 8 or 10, last. Another scrap of paper was shown to the witness and he was asked if he had ever said it was the writing of the defendant. He denied that he had made such a statement but said Captain McClusky had told him it was written by the defendant.

"Did you tell Mr. Carvalho that you thought it was Molineux's writing?" asked Mr. Weeks.

"No, I told him it was not."

"How did you know?"

"By a comparative study."

"Did you know who wrote it?"

"Well, I had no opinion that General Molineux wrote it."

"Do you not know that General Molineux wrote it?"

"Yes."

A long and complicated examination by Mr. Weeks brought out testimony from Mr. Kinsley to the effect that he said at one time to the district attorney that he could not come to a conclusion as to the defendant's handwriting without having more specimens of handwriting.

"How many specimens of the writing of the defendant did you have in your possession on the 1st of February, 1899?" asked Mr. Weeks.

"About 15 or 20."

"Are not 15 or 20 specimens enough from which to form a conclusion as to any man's handwriting?"

"No, not when a man's life is at stake."

Mr. Weeks asked the witness if he had ever said to a reporter that the break in the handwriting on the poison package might be one of the disguises adopted by the writer. The witness said he could not remember, but he might have done so.

The correspondence between Mr. Kinsley and Expert Edwin B. Hay of Washington, D. C., was read by Mr. Weeks and offered and admitted in evidence. Two letters were read, one by Mr Hay to Kinsley giving his opinion of the disputed handwriting. The other was the answer by Mr. Kinsley, in which the witness emphatically said that he could not agree with Mr. Hay's opinion of the defendant's writing and that on the poison package.

Recess.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

NEWS METHODS

Wonderful Progress Made in Late Years

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 15.—In a historical address at the observance of the centennial of Washington's death, by the Maryland society, Sons of the American Revolution, Charles Weathers Bump, of John Hopkins University made some comparisons between news gathering methods of hundred years ago and those employed today.

"Although Baltimore was the nearest city to Mt. Vernon and although it is but fifty miles away," said the speaker, it was not until the third day after Washington's disease that the fact was announced by the three dailies at that time published in Baltimore and then mainly on the strength of a letter received by a Baltimore merchant from a correspondent at Alexandria.

"In Philadelphia there was a rumor of it on the fourth day, but the news was not definite until the fifth day. The first report had been spread through a stage coach passenger from Baltimore, who seems to have had a Baltimore daily with him. Congress was then in session at Philadelphia and John Marshall moved an adjournment when the rumor first reached him and formally announced the correctness of the rumor on the following day.

"New York heard of the death two days after Philadelphia, or a week after it had occurred, while in Boston it was not known until twelve days had elapsed.

"Contrast the slowness with the news gathering of today. For instance, last month the death of Vice President Hobart was telegraphed all over the world by the Associated Press within half an hour after it occurred. So too, the demise of Bismarck and Gladstone was as speedily announced to all lands after daily bulletins by wire had kept millions informed of the progress of their illness."

ALLEGED SUICIDE

NOTE FOUND ON A STONINGTON STEAMER PRONOUNCED A FAKE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

STONINGTON, Ct., Dec. 14—A note addressed to Mrs. T. Doremus, upper Mont Clair, N. J.," and signed by "T. Doremus" in which the writer said he was about to end his life by throwing himself overboard, was found attached to a white fedora in a state room of the steamer State of Maine on her arrival here this morning. From the note it would appear that the writer had committed suicide during the trip from New York to this city but from investigations made by the officers on the boat as well as by C. H. Briggs, the local agent, the alleged suicide is regarded as a fake.

The man came aboard the steamer and purchased a ticket for Stonington. He also secured a stateroom. This morning the hall boy found the stateroom locked and when the steward entered the room found it unoccupied but saw the hat with the note. The note was written on ordinary wrapping paper and according to the contents it was written at 11 o'clock and then the writer was about to throw himself overboard. None of the crew about the deck at that time noticed anybody, however, and nothing was heard to indicate that a man was overboard. He carried a dress suit case with him to the stateroom but that was not in the room.

After investigation Captain Williamson came to the conclusion that the man was not among the passengers when the steamer left New York and no credence is placed in the alleged suicide.

HONOR WASHINGTON

BOSTON'S OBSERVANCE OF THE CENTENNIAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The 100th anniversary of the death of the first president of the United States, George Washington, was observed not only in this city but in many of the old historic towns throughout the state famous in the revolutionary period. In this city the Sons of the Revolution decorated the equestrian statue of Washington in the public garden and in the afternoon the Sons of the American revolution held an interesting meeting at which speeches were made by prominent citizens.

There was also a celebration in the old church at Hingham in the yard of which lies buried Washington's old friend and companion, Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, who was captured at Charlestown and who received the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Meetings were also held in Concord and Lexington.

FRIENDS OF LICENSE

REFERRED TO AT MEETING OF M. T. A. SOCIETY DIRECTORS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The monthly meeting of the directors of the Massachusetts total abstinence society was held Wednesday at its headquarters, 36 Bromfield street. The report of Sec. Alfred Noon says:

"In the elections of Tuesday, the trend of license is marked, although two-thirds of the gain is in this city. Lowell and Salem go back to the saloon, a result which has been feared for some months. There are net gains for no-license in Chelsea, Everett, Melrose, Woburn and Worcester. The smallest relative vote for license is probably in Melrose; the largest relative vote for no-license seems to be in Everett. There is a decided tendency for no-license people to move out of Boston into the suburbs.

"In the 32 cities which have voted, 20 show license gains and 14 show no-license gains; 6 show license losses and 18 show no-license losses, 23 show net gain for license."

Mr. Noon also stated in his report that the work of school visitation has necessarily come to a standstill and can hardly be expected to open largely for a year or two, as nearly every portion of the state readily accessible has been canvassed so recently. Applications are out and some may be granted in the immediate future. There is a call for a series of conventions of the various cities and towns of the state and a scheme has been prepared to cover the entire territory, except the city of Boston.

The report also says: "The attitude of this society toward the public school problem is one of unusual importance just now. By our action early in the year we were enabled to continue the friendship of many persons connected with the educational duties of the state. It is a question whether similar action should not be taken at the annual meeting of the society next month. The importance of the matter is so great that I would urge the appointment of a special committee of at least three who may consider the idea and report either to the directors at the January meeting or to the annual meeting.

It was voted that this committee be appointed. At the conclusion of business, Prof. J. M. Barker of Boston university spoke on the antisaloon league in Ohio and elsewhere. He was followed by Rev. T. M. Clark, at one time pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church in Columbus, O.

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AFTER QUA'S JOB

Geo. W. Poore Wants City Solicitorship

BURDEN-BEARER WANTS A PLUM

Capt. Mitton After Gillow's Scalp

COMRADES IN ARMS AT WAR

Republican Office Seekers Multiply Daily

George W. Poore, Esq., the official burden-bearer of the local republican party, encouraged beyond bounds by the fact that both branches of the city government will be republican, has decided that it is about time for him to get something besides one of long Geo. Holt's Delmonicoan feeds yearly for his services in behalf of the entire party, and has entered the list against Squire Qua for city solicitor. For several years past, Poore has been hustling like a Trojan for the party and getting in return only honor without pay, taffy and a $1.00 dinner which included rent of hall, gaslight, wet goods, printing, etc. On the other hand others, not Qua alone, have been "out of politics" for several years past, but in office at $1,000, $2,000, and even $3,000 a year. Poore has stood it long enough. He thinks he's entitled to something more substantial than eloquence and he is a candidate for city solicitor. Last year Mr. Qua was elected by the democrats of both branches but they say he has failed to appreciate the fact. Now he is up against it. As it is believed that the office of assistant city solicitor will be created next year, the position of city solicitor will be much more desirable than formerly, that is, if the committee on salaries doesn't nail the "per annum" when it shall meet.

There was an ominous air about the office of superintendent of streets and superintendent of commons, which are in the same room, yesterday afternoon, for internal disruption is rife in their respective midst.

The only man present when The Sun reporter called was George Frye, the Silent, who in answer to the reporter's query, said: "I don't know anything about their troubles. They don't tell me anything."

Though it was reported about town that Supt. Cheney had discharged Laforest Beals yesterday, and while Mr. Beals has been expecting the word daily for a week, it would appear that Supt. Cheney has not yet summoned up the courage to bid Beals get him hence, for Cheney has ever had the greatest respect for "Forest's" pull. He attempted to drop him once, but failed, and but little love has been lost between them for many moons. An office-holder who remembers back a few years says: "I don't think Cheney will fire Beals. They have had it just as hot before."

Cheney will have his hands full against Beals for superintendent. Beals is the friend of the laborers on the department and he is also in good favor with the democrats. He steals into the fight against Cheney with three republican councilmen from his own ward behind him, Councilmen Burns, Brousseau and Walker. Some may think that by reason of the fact that Brousseau was assistant superintendent under Cheney at one time that he will stick to his friend of ante-Klondike days, but Mr. Beals' friends state that Pierre is with their man for all time and it would seem that they should know whereof they speak. The democrats would turn to Beals more graciously than to any other republican and with a good prospect of democratic support if the pinch came, his prospects appear to be bright. Ex-Supt. George L. Fowler who turned down Brousseau is also mentioned as a candidate, but his chances are mighty slim, for Brousseau and his friends in the council will not support him under any circumstances.

Capt. A. D. Mitten was at city hall for quite a length of time yesterday, and many thought that he was out for his own candidacy for president of the common council. But there are those who learned differently and were surprised to learn that Capt. Mitten was not at city hall in his own behalf but to work against his brother officer, Lieut. Joseph S. Gillow of Co. M. To those who have followed the trials and tribulations of Co. M for several years past, it is not surprising to hear that the captain and the lieutenant are at sword's points, as it were. Capt. Mitten, it is said, was armed yesterday with a list of the democrats who are working in Supt. Gillow's department and was soliciting votes for Charlie Varnum.

Mr. Varnum also was at city hall yesterday afternoon and he said to the reporter: "The supreme court put me out of the office before but I am in the fight again." There are no other candidates for the position on the republican ticket.

In addition to the candidates mentioned in yesterday's Sun for the position of superintendent of commons, a few more have come to light. They are John W. W. Tilton, Capt. E. B. Carr and Thomas G. Little, the latter of ward three. Little has run for office perennially almost since Adam played in a juvenile team but no one has ever yet had occasion to accuse him of having held office. He ran for common council last year and this year and is running yet.

The candidates for the position of city messenger are growing more numerous daily. In addition to those whom I mentioned yesterday, Walter E. Hedgeman who was defeated for the common council in ward three and William E. Savage who was in the contest last year are also looking for it, while they do say that Jim McDowell will take a chance at it. Jim will go down in history as one of the founders of the Lincoln club. He has never held office, through no fault of his own.

"Wait until Quality Hill puts up a candidate for mayor," say the friends of Senator Putnam. "We have waited honey, waited long for you," is the song of Quality Hill, for the republicans there could never forgive Putnam for putting them in a country senatorial district and compelling them to go to Ayer Junction to attend a senatorial convention.

Perhaps Colonel Carmichael will not have a good time of it. The law requires minority representation on all committees and at that rate the colonel will have to stand on all of them.

THE LEATHER TRADE

SLIGHT SLACKENING OF CALL FOR STOCK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Although December toward the Christmas holidays is usually a quieter period than the weeks immediately preceding in the leather trade, there is a fair demand for both upper and sole stock, in spite of the manifest slackening of business incidental to the time between seasons, and holders of all kinds of leather maintain quotations as firmly as ever.

Compared with some Decembers the current demand would be considered an active one. Sample shoes are in preparation and a goodly amount of stock is wanted for the purpose. The market is strongly upheld, therefore, with a view to impressing upon manufacturers the importance of obtaining good prices for their finished product.

The wage question is a possible future factor in the situation. So many advances in other lines of manufacturing have taken place lately that the problem is likely to come up in the leather industries, as well as in cotton and woolen mills. This would add to the cost of shoes to the jobbers and shrewd buyers are paying ruling prices more readily than they would if this contingency did not appear among the possibilities of the near future.

MONTHLY SOCIAL

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE Y. W. C. A.

The monthly social at the Y. W. C. A. room was attended by many young women last night. There was a pleasant little program, including readings by Miss Gertrude Edmund, songs by Mrs. Nichols of the Eliot church choir, and piano solos by Mrs. Nellie Hamilton Taylor. Refreshments were served under the direction of the social committee.

ENJOYABLE BANQUET

OF L. H. S. FOOTBALL TEAM AND ITS FRIENDS.

Last evening, the members of the Lowell High school football team and a few friends held a banquet at D. L. Page's. The party sat down about 7 o'clock and among those present were: Messrs. Ralph Hayden, Morris Butterfield, John Davis, Arthur Tuckin, Frank Samuel, Charles Stevens, Russell Morrill, Willard Morrison, Frank O'Sullivan, Fred Meredith, Robert White, Luther Faulkner, David O'Brien, Carl Staples, John Frost. Mr. Cyrus W. Irish, Mr. F. W. Sherburne, Mr. Carl Burtt, Mr. Thomas Nesmith, Mr. John Rogers and Mr. John Drury were invited guests.

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There are Thirty-Eight Inmates

HOW THE CHILDREN PASS THEIR TIME

All Attend the Bartlett School

One of the most worthy charitable and educational institutions in Lowell is the Ayer Home, which is located on Pawtucket street. This institution has sheltered many homeless and destitute children making them comfortable and happy.

The question that has been so fully discussed the past few years, "What shall millionaires do with their money?" has in many instances been nobly answered. In many large cities throughout the country, capitalists are using their money for the establishment and maintenance of just such institutions as the Ayer Home.

The charity represented by the Ayer Home has been generously remembered in this distribution of wealth. For instance the late Mrs. Josephine Ayer and her son, Frederick F. Ayer, have given the large and commodious stone house overlooking the Merrimack river on Pawtucket street and which was for so many years the home of the Ayer family. The gift made it possible for the directors and patrons to greatly extend their work and to furnish accommodations for large numbers, but children must be clothed and fed as well as sheltered. In her will, Mrs. Ayer bequeathed the sum of $109,000 as a fund for the Ayer Home, a most worthy donation. This will enable the directors and patrons of the Home to carry on what they undertook to do.

This institution has not always been known as the Ayer Home. It was formerly known as the Home for Young Women and Children and was located at 10 John street. But seven years ago Mrs. Ayer made a gift of the stone house on Pawtucket street and the name of the institution was changed to the Ayer Home for Young Women and Children in honor of the donor of the new and more commodious home. And it has since been known as the Ayer Home and probably will until it ceases to exist.

It will no doubt be of interest to the readers to know how the children at this institution pass their time. At present no young women are sheltered at the home, although at various times in past years there have been large numbers of them. The total number of children is 38, of which two-thirds are girls and one-third boys. They are a bright-appearing and healthy lot and all appear to be happy and contented. Everything is done at the institution to make it home-like for the children, and in this respect, Mrs. Rouviere, the matron, her assistant and the other attendants have in no small degree met with gratifying success.

The largest number that has ever been sheltered at the Home at one time was 66. That was about seven years ago. That stands as the highest mark ever reached. The ages of the children range from three to fifteen years, and a remarkable feature is the fact that in eight years only one death has occurred at the Home, one child, a boy dying a year ago last July. That is certainly a remarkably low death record.

Most of the children are up mornings shortly after 7 o'clock. They have breakfast and are then got ready for school. They all attend the Bartlett school on Wannalancit street, not a very great distance from the Home. They return to the institution for dinner and then go back to school for the afternoon.

When school is over, the children immediately return to the Home and from 4 o'clock to 5.30, enjoy themselves playing. If the weather permits either in summer or winter, they are allowed to go into the yard on the west side of the stone house where there is a swing and a large box of dirt and plenty of space for the little ones to enjoy themselves and you should see the fun they have. When the weather is disagreeable, the children can have their fun just the same. They have two spacious play rooms, one for those under 10 years and the other for those over that age. They are provided with blocks and toys of all descriptions and they make things quite merry during playtime. They play all kinds of games one can think of. The little ones are already preparing their Christmas tree which will be a beauty.

It should not be understood that between the hours of 4 and 5.30 every afternoon except Sunday the children are obliged to stay in the play rooms. That would be absurd. They are permitted to go to any part of the house without restriction.

At 5.30 they have supper and all under 10 are supposed to have retired before 7. The older children, however are allowed to remain up until 9 o'clock. The boys read and the girls sew and crochet. That is the day's routine at the Ayer Home. On Sunday the children attend the John Street Congregational church in a body and they also attend Sunday school at the same church. They are always accompanied to church by one of the attendants at the institution. Returning from the church they spend the afternoon or at least a good part of it in the drawing room where they sing hymns and give recitations and also receive the religious instruction from the matron or her assistant. Sunday evening, the children devote their time to reading.

Much of the success that has attended the Ayer Home is due in no small measure to the industrious and painstaking matron, Mrs. A. G. Rouviere, who is well fitted in every way for the important position she holds; and who has made a host of friends since coming to Lowell twelve and one-half years ago. She came as matron of the Home when it was located on John street and has been connected with it continuously since. It will be to the advantage of the institution that she should continue in charge of its affairs. Mrs. Rouviere was connected with similar institutions for many years previous to her coming to this city. The matron has an able assistant in her daughter, Miss Jessie M. Rouviere, who is equally untiring in her efforts to make the children as happy as possible.

The interests of the institution are looked after by a board of directors and patrons composed of Lowell's best known people.

CARNEGIE-BORDEN

Comparison Made by Fiber and Fabric

The Fibre and Fabric says:

While Carnegie extracts millions from his employes and donates libraries to different towns, without a word M. C. D. Borden of Fall River voluntarily adds 10 per cent. to the wages of 2700 employes. In doing this, he has conferred more real happiness than if he had donated a library to every town in Massachusetts, for there is more virtue in a barrel of flour in a poor man's family than in a ton of books. Carnegie believes that he is building monuments to himself when he builds libraries with the money which belongs to his workmen. Men who earn the money to build libraries never enter them. There is library enough in a Sunday paper to stagger most men and it is delivered to the poor man's door for a nickel. The operatives and business men of Fall River are not asking why Mr. Borden made the advance nor do they care. They know that it means $20,000 a week extra in wages for 30,000 operatives in that city and nearly $75,000 per week extra for the 100,000 textile operatives of New England. A more genuinely handsome Thanksgiving offering could not be conceived. Employers who would like to feel what it is to be in heaven can experience a little of that feeling by giving to employes a little more of the money that they earn. What is the use of piling up million upon million, for if such men go to a church and believe the doctrine they must know that if they took the millions with them they would melt and spoil their new shroud. No man can own wealth; some men are given more to care for than other men, and the man who hands it to the poor lends to the Lord and is paid back with interest; he who gives to a college saddles a curse upon the people.

NEW LIBRARY

WAS DEDICATED IN HOPEDALE YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HOPEDALE, Mass., Dec. 15.—The Bancroft Memorial Library erected at a cost of $50,000 and presented to the town of Hopedale by Joseph B. Bancroft, was publicly dedicated yesterday afternoon. Rev. L. G. Wilson offered prayer and made a brief address, after which a letter of presentation from Mr. Bancroft was read and the library formally accepted by Edward L. Osgood, chairman of the committee appointed by the town.

The library was given by Mr. Bancroft in memory of his wife, Sylvia T. Bancroft. The building is of pure white granite of modified old English style of architecture.

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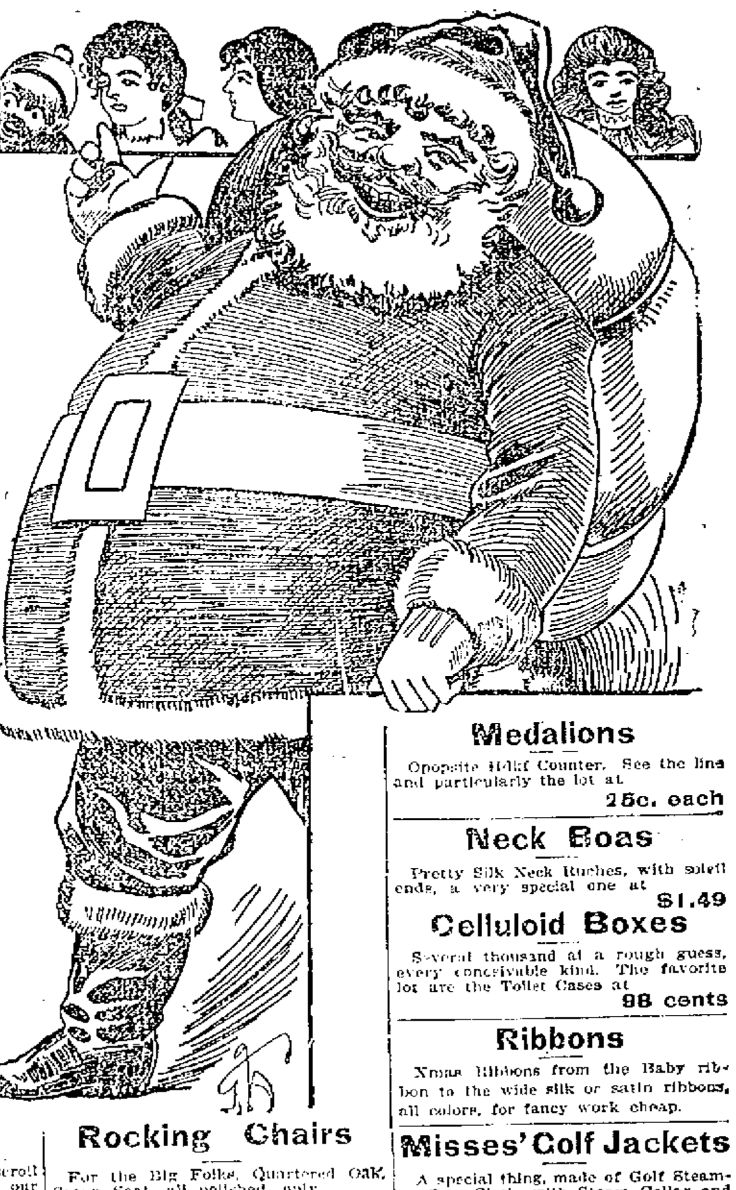

While the "Big Folks" were being enthused by the election returns on Tuesday evening, we suspect that the "Little Folks" were dreaming of the coming of Santa Claus to our store on Wednesday.

His Honor retained the chair, and judging by the immense concourse of both young and old to our store Tuesday, Santa Claus retains his popularity. We wish to make a suggestion, viz: That children be sent in the forenoon if they come alone, as only those accompanied by parents or some grown person will be allowed to visit in the afternoon. We do this for two reasons: First, to avoid the tremendous crowds during afternoon shopping hours; second, in justice to ourselves, as a good many dollars' worth of goods were destroyed in the jam of Wednesday.

YOURS TRULY, THE BON MARCHE DRY GOODS CO.

N. B.—Santa Claus will appear in our Toy Window and on his balcony (second floor) in the afternoon, so all the boys and girls CAN SEE HIM FROM THE STREET.

Handkerchiefs. See our Big thing in Scallop Ends. H. S. Hdkfs., also Lace trimmed at 15c. each

Aprons. A special! Lace and hamburg trimmed, with Insertion flounce Bib at 39c. each

Dolls. Little beauties, all dressed complete same as a being. A grand lot at 49 cents

Doll Carriages. The ones that the children will not give up when they once see them. The price only 25 cents

Gloves Make a nice gift, a Pair of Kid Gloves, ours especially, in the fancy back, 2 and 3 clasp, all new shades heavy fancy point, 98c. pair

Stationery The kind that our prices move at. Big thing at 10 cents. Fancy Boxes with ribbon bows.

Xmas Mixture Special at our Candy Dept. Xmas mixtures at only 8 1-3c. lb.

Xmas Slippers We have a very fine line. Our special is Ladies and Gents' fancy Slippers at 98 cents

Umbrellas Always make nice Xmas Gifts. A manufacturers samples of high grade Umbrellas, worth as high as $2.00 for $3.98

Toy Trunks Hundreds of Trunks, all sizes, all kinds. See the special one with tray complete, only 25 cents

Xmas Tree Ornaments Brilliant beyond description, all sizes, shapes and shades. The big lot at 10c. doz.

Pipes Real French Briar Pipe, with round leather case, plush lined, C. P. F. Mfr., only 98 cents

Suspenders An acceptable Gift always. We've a fine line in the lot at 25 cents

Reception Chairs Gilt with Silk Brocatelle upholstery, warranted not to tarnish, see the ones at $3.98

Shoes The 2 greatest lines in America The "Sorosis," The "Queen Quality," $3.50 and $3 respectively

Doll Pianos A Big Ass't, all sizes in Ebony and White and Gold, see the dainty one at 25 cents

Toy Banks An immense line of Banks from 5c up. See the lot with combination safe at 25 cents

Sleds What the Boys will need soon, strong single sleds, made to stand banging, only 25 cents

Pocketbooks An excellent Pocket Book in various leathers, all new colors and black, choice 49 cents

Neckwear New Fall Neckties in Imperials, Tecks and Puffs, all silk, silk lined, 49 cents

Silverware About $2000 worth of warranted goods, suitable for Xmas presents.

Books A complete stock of Holiday Books. Discounts to Sunday schools, etc. See the Poets with padded covers. 59 cents

Towels Sensible for a Xmas Present. All linen, fringed Damask Towels, only 18c. each

Children's Chairs Prettily Upholstered in Plush and Velour. See the lot at $1.98

Aprons. Xmas Aprons, the latest thing is the Bib with lace and hamburg trimmed, only 25 cents

Armlets Something the men always appreciate. We are selling 25c ones, put up in glass boxes, for 19c. a pair

Jewelry More Jewelry than most stores. See our new Novelties at 25 cents. Brooch Pins, Stick Pins, etc.

Express Wagons Well built Wagons in all sizes, made to stand the Boys' rough usage. See the 25c. ones

Doll Swings Made by the Indians in all colors. A big thing for 25 cents

Leggings We have all kinds, all sizes, all lengths for women and children. See our leader, misses at 98 cents

Diaries For 1900, all sizes, all shapes, all prices, from 10c. to 98c. Paper and Leather Covers.

Trimmed Hats Make your wife a present of a $5.00 Hat, which we are selling at $3.98

Ebony Sets (Sterling Silver Mounted), Toilet Sets, Gents' Military Brushes, Nut Pick and Nut Cracker Sets, Cream Jars and Puff Boxes, etc., prices O. K.

Fancy China An immense line of Cups and Saucers, fancy plates, Lamps and Bric-a-brac. See the Pretty Cake plates and Salad Dishes, hand decorated and gold stippled at 49 cents

Bed Puffs Fine Satine Bed Puffs, fancy scroll stitch, snow flake cotton filled, our price, $2.98

Calendars For 1900. They are going fast. If you want one come quick, 10c. up

Table Cloths Xmas Cloths in sets or separate, a special Irish Linen Pattern Cloth at $2.00 (Napkins to match if needed.)

Rocking Chairs For the Big Folks, Quartered Oak, Scoop Seat, all polished, only $3.59

Furs We have Fur Coats, Fur Boas, Fur Victorines, Fur Collarettes and Fur Sets, Fur Muffs. See the French Marten Collar with 6 tails, only $4.98

Albums Not a very large stock, but a very fine assortment of all the new things, prices begin at 25 cents

Medalions Opposite Hdkf Counter. See the line and particularly the lot at 25c. each

Neck Boas Pretty Silk Neck Ruches, with stole ends, a very special one at $1.49

Celluloid Boxes Several thousand at a rough guess, every conceivable kind. The favorite lot are the Toilet Cases at 98 cents

Ribbons Xmas Ribbons from the Baby ribbon to the wide silk or satin ribbons, all colors, for fancy work cheap.

Misses' Golf Jackets A special thing, made of Golf Steamer Rug Cloth, with Storm Collar and Pearl Buttons, etc., only $7.98

A Jacket makes a nice Gift, see our stock of Kersey, Melton and Montanauk Cloth Coats with Velour Collars and Silk lining at $10.00

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VERY SUSPICIOUS

Montreal is a Afraid of American Speculators

THINKS THEY ARE AFTER HER GRAIN TRADE

Wary of a Buffalo Syndicate's Offer

By Associated Press to The Sun.

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—Quebec and the other shipping ports of the St. Lawrence below Montreal are laughing at the airs assumed by the latter port toward a number of Buffalo capitalists, who propose to do an enormous grain shipping business there. The propositon of this American syndicate is on so vast a scale that the Montrealers are afraid to commit themselves to its acceptance lest it should be found to conceal a plot for the destruction of their port. The simple proposal of the Buffalo capitalists headed by Mr. W. J. Connors, who controls most of the Buffalo elevators, is to do a large part of their grain shipping business from Montreal instead of from Buffalo.

The Connors syndicate has interested a number of Canadians in its scheme by taking in some of the prominent members of the governing party here. They ask for space in the harbor of Montreal to build a number of elevators, being about one-fifth of the entire harbor space and that portion of it which is so situated, according to the opponents of the scheme, as to control the trade of Canada's canal system.

The syndicate offers to guarantee to bring 35,000,000 bushels of wheat annually to Montreal, which at present exports only about 10,000,000 bushels annually.

The Montreal harbor commission was about to agree to this arrangement last week, when vigorous opposition arose on the ground that the syndicate from Buffalo was endeavoring to secure a controlling interest in the harbor of Montreal for the purpose of killing its trade. Indeed, Mr. Alexander McFee, president of the Montreal Corn exchange, does not hesitate to declare that a gigantic trust of American railways is at the back of the Connors elevator scheme, and plots, by expending a million or so of money, to close up the St. Lawrence route as far as competing with these roads and New York and Boston in the grain carrying trade is concerned.

The plan of the railways, he says, is to maintain Buffalo as the great grain distributing center, and govern the rates from that city to the sea, which are threatened to be disturbed, by the recent competition, at a cost of $50,000,000, of the Canadian canal system.

It is urged that the American railways controlling the trust, running to the seaboard and handling vast quantities of grain, for which they receive four cents a bushel, view with alarm the opening of the Canadian canal system in its enlarged form, which will enable grain to be shipped from the west to Montreal for two cents a bushel, and have resolved to offer close competition in this quarter by the expenditure of an odd million or two of dollars through Connors and his syndicate, if they can obtain possession of the commanding sites in the port of Montreal.

A few years ago the people of Montreal would have jumped at such an offer as that of Mr. Connors and his syndicate, but just now they appear so satisfied that within the next two years they will be handling 100,000,000 bushels of wheat a year by keeping the trade in their own hands that they have become firmly convinced that the Connors syndicate is simply acting for New York railways and Boston elevators in order to keep up earnings and protect Buffalo as the great distributing centre.

So suspicious are they of Yankee trusts and of the American desire to get the vast advantages of their newly and expensively enlarged canal system that they are unable to realize the possibility of the Buffalo syndicate doing legitimate shipping business in Montreal and finding sufficient inducement for so doing in the difference of two cents a bushel in the cost of shipping grain by rail to New Yorrk or Boston and by water to Montreal.

If the syndicate's offer should be finally rejected by Montreal it may be repeated to Quebec, where a speedy acceptance awaits it.

LOTTERY SCHEME

Postmasters Instructed About Such Mail

The November Postal Guide is in the hands of postmasters and other government officials throughout the country, and it contains some information which will be valuable to the public in sending and receiving mails.

The acting postmaster general calls attention to a foreign lottery company which has been working more or less mischief in this country. Here is the vigorous language he uses on the subect: "It having been made to appear to the postmaster general upon evidence satisfactory to him that W. Fodor & Co., Buda Pesth, Germany, are engaged in conducting a scheme for the distibution of money by lot or chance through the mail. Under authority of the law in the case the postmaster-general forbids you to forward any postal money order drawn to the order of said W. Fodor & Co., and you are hereby directed to inform the remitter of any such postal money order that payment thereof has been forbidden, and that the amount thereof will be returned on presentation of a duplicate money order applied for and obtained under the regulations of the department. And you are hereby instructed to return all letters, whether registered or not, and other mail matter which shall arrive at your office directed to the said firm to the postmaster at the offices at which they were originally mailed, to be delivered to the senders thereof, with the word 'fraudulent' plainly written or stamped upon the outside of such letters or matter."

At first and second class post offices the postmaster, assistant, clerk or letter carrier when not on regular tours of duty, or other salaried employes of any post office is authorized to deliver special delivery matter and receive the lawful fees thereof.

Postmasters at international money order offices are notified that owing to the war now in progress in South Africa, money orders cannot be delivered in the Transvaal or Orange Free State, and orders payable in those places must not, therefore, be issued until furthr notice is received from the department.

Rev. S. Hartwell Pratt, the evangelist, was called to his home in Springfield by a telegram announcing the death of his mother.

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WATER VERY LOW

Nashua Mills Depending on the Stream

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NASHUA, Dec. 15.—The recent drought and the resulting low water in the Nashua river has affected the Nashua and Jackson mills of this city to considerable extent and were it not for the excellent steam plants, the mills would have to practically suspend operations.

Superintendent Hussey of the Nashua Manufacturing company said: "The water in the Nashua river is very low for this time of year and if we had to depend entirely on water for motive power we would be seriously handicapped. At the present time we can depend on but between 500 and 600 horse power from our water sources. This is very unusual for this time of the year as we generally look upon the winter season to furnish us with the greatest water power. The conditions are vastly different from a year ago. Then all of our seven turbine wheels were in operation and scarcely any steam was used."

Questioned in regard to the success of water as a motive power for manufacturing establishments at the present time, Mr. Hussey was of the opinion that water was all right in its place but there is great necessity that it be backed up by a steam plant. Continuing he said: "I do not believe we will be able to utilize the entire capacity of our water plant this winter at least. Before the partial diversion of the headwaters of the Nashua river a few years ago by the Metropolitan Water company of Boston, there was little trouble in getting a copious water supply, but with the changed conditions the prospects are pretty slim.

DEEPENING HARBOR

SALEM ALDERMEN ADOPT RESOLUTIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SALEM, Dec. 15.—At the last meeting of the board of aldermen a resolution was adopted, co-operating with the petition of vessel owners and business men, to congress, asking for an appropriation to defray the expenses of deepening the harbor. Attention was called to the necessity of improving the harbor to meet the demands of commerce. Nearly 2000 vessels arrive at this port annually, a considerable number being steamers of large tonnage.

The order prohibiting all persons not duly authorized to inspect bills and books, adopted at the last meeting, was refused reconsideration.

An order was submitted favoring a reduction of 25 per cent. on all salaries exceeding $1000 per annum. This was laid on the table.

CHAMPNEY'S PAINTINGS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The paintings of Mr. Benjamin Champney, the well-known landscape painter, are to be sold by auction at Leonard & Co.'s gallery today, and tomorrow. There are 138 examples, which include landscapes, fruit pieces, flowers, etc.

Mr. Champney is one of the old-time artists and began to study his profession early in life. By the advice of Washington Allston he went to Paris in 1841. He followed the life classes and studied the great masters in the galleries of the Louvre. He exhibited paintings in the salons of 1844-45. He sailed for Boston in 1846, returning to Paris in 1847, where he studied the scenery of the river from Cologne to Mayence in company with W. A. Gay.

In 1866 he spent the summer in Brittany in company with Robert Wylie, Earl Shinn, Howard Roberts and others. His studio in North Conwal is a noted resort and is visited by people from all parts of the country.

The collection contains many fine sketches of White mountain scenery, while his flower pieces are charming in execution and design. His pictures are now on exhibition.

McHENRY TO WALK.

The Twilight club of Lawrence will hold a dance and smoke talk in Saunders hall Friday evening, December 22. The cake walk will be between Thos. McHenry and John Barron for the championship of New England.

BILLERICA CENTRE

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT UNITARIAN FAIR.

There was a larger attendance at the second night of the Unitarian society fair than on the previous evening. A salad supper, followed by an entertainment, was served by the ladies:

Mrs. W. D. Fitch and Mrs. Edward Stearns had charge of the supper with the following named ladies assisting on tables: Mrs. Louise and Edith Hawes, Miss Lottie Cowdrey, Miss Annie Fitch, Miss Myra Bigelow, Mrs. Jos. Jaquith and Mrs. Sarah Hawes.

The entertainment was furnished by the Billerica orchestra under direction of Herbert Handley and Mr. Simonds also favored with several piano selections.

The ladies' Benevolent society of the First Baptist church held their annual sale and entertainment in the vestry of the church yesterday afternoon and evening.

Fancy articles were on sale after 3 o'clock and supper was served from 6 to 8. The vestry was decorated with hemlock branches, evergreen, palms and ferns from Mrs. Dimock.

Songs, Samuel Stott and Miss Annie Wain, also selections by a chorus; recitations, Miss Jessie Allen and Miss Agnes Allen; harmonica trio, the Messrs. Butterfield; readings, Henry Brown and Miss Sadie Bainforth; harmonica solo, John Merrill.

Mrs. Harry Arnold was accompanist.

The following named ladies had charge of the various tables:

Fancy table, Mrs. Thayer, Mrs. Wallis Stackpole and Miss Lizzie Bainforth.

Candy table, Miss Gladys Chipman and Miss Florence Young.

Pound table, Mrs. Alexander Parris.

Ice Cream, Mrs. D. H. Dimock, Miss Alice Whitaker and Miss Bertha Taylor.

A PINK PARTY

HELD AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB LAST EVENING.

A "pink" party was the attraction for about 50 couples at the Highland club hall last night. Those who were not fortunate enough to have a pink were not allowed to dance, but every one was well supplied. J. S. Hanson was the floor director and his aids were: David Moore, George Runels, Herbert C. Taft, George Sargent, Alex. Green, Thomas Murphy. Dancing lasted from 8 until 12, with an intermission for refreshments served by the D. L. Page company. Hibbard's orchestra furnished the music for dancing.

MINISTERS CONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate yesterday confirmed the following nominations:

To be United States ministers: William P. Lord of Oregon, to the Argentine Republic; Herbert W. Bowen of New York to Persia; Arthur S. Hardy of New York to Greece, Roumania and Servia; Lawrence Townsend of Pennsylvania to Belgium; Bellamy Storer of Ohio to Spain; John N. Irwin of Iowa to Portugal.

HOLIDAY DOLL CARRIAGES.

We are giving away to Christmas a doll carriage with a pound of tea and coffee, Dickson Bros. The Big Tea Dealers, 43 Merrimack street.

A SAD ROMANCE

Arthur Mason to Pay Porter's Debts

AND MARRY THE LATTER'S SISTER

Mason to Make $250,000 in Speculation

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—To cancel a debt of honor and to win the girl he loves. Arthur Mason, a young man of this city, has set out to win $250,000 in speculation in six months. Nearly three of those months have elapsed and so far he has been successful.

He has wrested nearly $150,000 from the exchanges, from bucketshops and from the pits, but he will not stop. He plunges with the delirium of a crazy man, apparently, without method, but one day he won as high as $15,000. Twice he has been down to less than $100.

"I will get it," he declares—"I will!"

Mason is 29 years old, quiet, smooth-faced and cool as an icicle.

Mason wants the money to repay the sum his friend, Horace L. Porter, lost in speculation two years ago. He has determined to repay this and then he will marry Alva Porter, his friend's sister. He regards the money as a debt of honor and will not marry until it is paid.

Arthur Mason is the son of Elias Mason, the head of a large shipping business on the great lakes. The young man has determined that, alone and unaided, he will make his own fortune.

While Mason was at Princeton he met Horace L. Porter, a quiet, mild-mannered youth of a rather retiring disposition. Porter was of the sort that is susceptible to a man of strong personality. So it was that, despite the extreme difference in their physical and mental compositions, a strong attachment sprang up between the two young men, which strengthened as time wore on.

It was at Porter's western home that Mason first met sweet-faced little Alva Porter. The girl, like her brother, became enraptured with the air of reckless bohemianism which Mason habitually assumed. In less than three months' time the girl, but 19 years old, had given her promise to Mason that she would become his wife.

Porter suggested to his friend that they go into business together. The offer was accepted. In less than a year Porter's inheritance of $250,000 had dwindled to about $10,000. Mason would not ask his father for assistance and Porter refused to write his mother for money, and thus, it was that at the outbreak of the recent war with Spain Porter was working as a clerk in a Boston dry goods store, while Mason earned a sort of livelihood as a board marker in a Boston bucketshop. When President McKinley issued his call for volunteers, Arthur Mason and Horace Porter were among the first to present themselves for enrollment on the books of the Ninth regiment of Massachusetts volunteers.

Mason went from choice; Porter because his friend enlisted. They went to Cuba. Mason, strong of physique, withstood the awful ordeal, but Porter, always dedicate in health, quickly began to feel the effects of the climate.

He became ill and was removed to the hospital. Mason begged to be allowed to go with his friend, and the request was granted. Porter was unable to resist the tropical fever and in a few days was dead. Mason cared for Porter as tenderly as a mother would a sick child.

Upon his return from Cuba almost the first one to meet him at Montauk Point was his father. An affecting scene followed.

For the past few months Mason has been living in this city. He has made the statement that as he lost his father's money by speculation he will continue speculating until he finds it again.

During all this time Alva Porter has written many letters. She urges him to abandon his self-imposed task and marry her. She waits for him to say the word, and yet he refuses till he has accomplished his purpose of securing $250,000.

FATALLY BURNED

CHILD WAS PLAYING WITH PAPER NEAR STOVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15.—William Dorney, two and a half years old, was fatally burned this afternoon at his home on Little street. The child was playing with paper at a stove and set fire to his clothing. There is no hope for his recovery.

OXFORD CLUB

OPEN THEIR SECOND SEASON OF SOCIAL DANCES.

The second season of parties of the Oxford club was opened last evening at Prescott hall by a social and dance. The American orchestra furnished music for the 150 couples present. The officers were: General manager, Geo. W. Harper; assistant, John J. Riley; floor director, Hector Nichols; assistant, Frank B. Whitcher; chief aid, Robert Parker; aids, Gilbert Whitcher, William Maddocks, Patrick Royal, John Kane, Omer Lavoie, Alex. Durham, William Bruce, George Jaques; reception committee, Thomas Allen, David Rowe, James Moylon, John Conley, Albert Bernard, John Mahar, Fred Kanada, Arthur Burnhart, Louis Leclair, Carl Chandler.

CARGO OF MAIL

THE LARGEST FROM EUROPE AT BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—What is claimed to be the largest single consignment of mail from Europe to this country was brought to this port by the Dominion liner New England last night. She signalled the Associated Press marine observer at Highland light, shortly after six o'clock and then proceded across Massachusetts bay to quarantine in Boston harbor. Arriving there at 8.30, where the mail was sent to the city. The amount of foreign mail handled last night broke all records at the Boston post office. While only a small portion of it stayed here, the bulk of 2634 sacks has yet to be forwarded to New York and the west. The mail is mostly of a Christmas nature. The New England's heavy cargo of mail is due to the British government chartering so many vessels for transports.

MONTHLY DANCE.

The Associate club held its regular monthly dance last night at Pilgrim hall. Lew's orchestra furnished the music and the officers were: General manager, Mr. Lewis Anderson; assistant, Mr. Arthur Moore; matrons, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. Marsh.

Have You Seen the Great Display of

CHRISTMAS GOODS

OF ALL KINDS AT

J. DRAIN'S NEW STORES, 83 to 89 Gorham St.

It is simply grand, everything is new, everything is lovely and everything is more than reasonable in prices. Why, the doll you can get at Drain's for 25c, down town they ask you 38c.

Drain Dolls for 19c, others ask 75c. Drain Dolls for 75c, others ask $1.00.

Drain Dolls for 98c, others ask $1.49.

Just see them, they are something elegant, all kinds, sleeping dolls for 25c, dressed in boxes.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 25c, kid body.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 49c, kid body, worth 75c, and every price of a doll you can think of.

Handkerchiefs, all prices, largest line in city. See their window.

Jewelry pocketbooks, fancy toilet and miniature set of all kinds, silk and linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 5c up to 49c, great values in white aprons. Our line is very much larger than ever before. Special value in very fine goods for 25c, 35c and 49c, worth at least 50 per cent. more than we ask.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR GENT'S FURNISHING window loaded with Gent's fine neckwear of the very highest grade, thousands of different styles for 23c, others ask 38c for no better.

Almost 100 Dozen of the finest goods ever shipped into Lowell and in an endless variety of styles and colors we are selling for 47c. You can't match them in Lowell for less than 75c or 98c, think of what you are saving on this item alone. See our window.

To the people of Lowell and surrounding towns that have not seen our new store be sure you visit us now, every article in our store is a bargain, everything in our four large windows is lovely, everything you buy from us is right, if not we will make it right, fair, square dealing with the people has placed us where we are today, second to none in Lowell for giving the people great values. We buy for cash, we sell for cash, and we are the only one price Dry and Fancy Goods Store in Lowell.

J. DRAIN, 83 to 89 Gorhrm St.

Why? Why?

Is the question of all the ladies that come to our store. Why do you advertise? We think that your low prices ought to bring all the ladies of the town to your store. That's a fact and that is just why we advertise to let them know where to come.

It is at 113 Gorham street, one minutes' walk from post office, where the expenses are also low.

Jackets from $2.98 to $19.50; Capes from $2.98 to $9.98; Suits from $6.00 to $10.00; Skirts from 98c. to $25.00; Waists from 50c. to $7.50; Collarettes from $2.65 to $9.60; Fur Scarfs from 98c. to $7.50; Wrappers from 49c. to $1.75; Petticoats from 25c. to $4.00.

COOPER'S Cozy Cloak and Suit Store, 113 Gorham St., one Minute's Walk From P. O.

LARD.

IN ORIGINAL PACKAGES FOR

Friday and Saturday

OF THIS WEEK.

10	lb. tub Lard	75c.
10	lb. pail "	75c.
5	" " "	40c.
3	" " "	25c.
1	"package"	9c.

REMEMBER THE DAYS.

F. H. HODGES CO.

Old Boston & Maine, Station, Central St.

CREDIT TO ALL

Useful Presents

WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EASY AND COMFORTABLE FOR YOU AND OUR SPECIAL TERMS ARE BOUND TO MEET WITH HEARTY RESPONSE AT A TIME WHEN EVERYBODY IS INTERESTED IN HAVING A DOLLAR GO A LONG WAY.

PRACTICAL PEOPLE TURN ASIDE FROM THE TRIFLING NOTHING AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS WE ARE MAKING TO ENCOURAGE THE BUYING OF USEFUL ARTICLES.

$ 5.00 worth of goods—	50c. down—	50c. week
10.00 " " "	75c. "	75c. "
15.00 " "	$1.00 "	$1.00 "
25.00 " " "	1.50 "	1.50 "

IS THERE A NICER AND MORE USEFUL PRESENT FOR YOUR HUSBAND AND BOY THAN AN OVERCOAT OR A SUIT? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WILL PLEASE YOUR WIFE OR DAUGHTER BETTER THAN A STYLISH JACKET, A CAPE, A SKIRT, OR A TRIMMED HAT? IF YOU WANT ANY OF THESE GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, SAY SO. YOU SHALL HAVE THEM AT ONCE. YOUR BILL WILL NOT BE DUE UNTIL A LONG TIME AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK.

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78 MIDDLESEX ST., LOWELL.

A. STRAUSS, Manager.

Fifty Cents Per Box

TRADE MARK Palmo Tablets

HEALTH, POWER, ENERGY.

stop forever all weakening drains, feed the brain, replace wasted tissues, and send rich, flesh-building blood bounding through every part of the system, making every organ act, and causing you to glow and tingle with newly found strength. You're a new man, and can feel it. The greatest NERVE TONIC ever discovered. Palmo Tablets cure quickly and forever Nervous Debility, Varicocele, Atrophy, Loss of Memory, Sleeplessness, Dyspepsia, Kidney Diseases, 50c. a box; 12 boxes (with guarantee, good as gold), $5.00. Sent anywhere. HALSID DRUG CO., Cleveland, O.

Sold at Goodale's Drug Store, the best and cheapest place in Lowell for drugs and medicines, 217 CENTRAL STREET.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—100 stall boarding and baiting stable; could add sales business, three entrances; fine corner; right in the heart of Boston very low rent, long lease, a money-maker if whole time could be devoted, owner has other business; must sell at once; no reasonable cash offer refused. E. A. D., 137 Warren avenue, Boston, Mass.

FOR SALE—Pool room also cigar and tobacco stand, 152 Middlesex street, City.

FOR SALE—One Caligraph, $15.00; in first class condition; one safe in good condition, 3x4, $15.00; one roll top desk, oak, nearly new, $15.00. Inquire at Donovan and Mulcair, Room 1, 26 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—Most complete line of bath cabinets in the world. One agent sold 100 in four months. Irwin Co., 123 Chambers street, New York.

FOR SALE—R. I. P. A. N. S. 10, five cents at druggists. One gives relief.

FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, lots of carriage room, concrete driveway, 8,000 feet of land, price only $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—On Bridge street, two tenement house, 7 rooms to each tenement, price $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Gorham street, cottage house, good sized lot of land, price $900. On easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—A good place for the money, three miles from the city, 12 acres of land, 9 room-house, large barn and hennery and sheds, this is a bargain, $1600. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good farm in N. H., 125 acres of land, fair buildings, 1 mile from depot, lots of wood and timber, price $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good boarding house, very cheap. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Westford street, cottage house and barn, price $2000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Christmas Toys, Dolls and Fancy Goods Wholesaled at Boston Price. The Boston Store, 563 Merrimack street.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS—The most useful and desirable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen, or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each complete, 25c. Family printing outfits, from 25c. to $2.00. Boys' handy printer, 25c. Every thing in the line of rubber stamps at wholesale prices. J. M. Fellows, 385 Merrimack street.

BROOKS & FRENCH have opened a new home bakery and cash grocery at 551 Bridge street, where they will be glad to see all their old friends and many new ones.

YONAIS, the queen of life readers and palmists is here for a short time. This gifted lady differs from all other clairvoyants and mediums—has never had a single failure. No matter what your troubles are, don't despair. Come and see this wonderful woman. She can help you. Gives advice on love, marriage, and business; tells you of friends and enemies; describes your future husband or wife; gives names and lucky days. $1 sitting for 50c. this week. Bon Marche, room 44. Satisfaction guaranteed or no pay. Office hours from 10 a. m. until 9 p. m. Sundays, from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m. Take the elevator.

DON'T Patronize the Coal Trust. Buy your coal of Haley, Whidden street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe reliable. Take no other. Send 4c in stamps for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MONEY LOANED TO SALARIED PEOPLE AND RETAIL MERCHANTS, upon their own names, without security, easy payments. TOLMAN, room 16, Associate Building.

SPOT Cash and highest prices for secondhand furniture at 463 Merrimack street. Tel. 638-4.

WE WILL EITHER Buy or store second hand furniture at No. 60 Charles street. When we buy we pay the highest price and make a specialty of antique pieces. Will be on premises every day from 2 to 6 p. m. E. O'Heir, attorney.

We All Have Troubles

And to dispel them has been the lifestudy of many a philosopher. Born with a gift of foresight, combined with science enables MADAME NUGENT to clear the mist and fathom the mysterious surrounding all cases of business and matrimony with startling accuracy. She gives dates and names of absent friends; also advice on all business affairs. 332 Central street.

H-O-P-S viz H-O-P-S

Just received, 1,700 pounds of fresh, kiln-dried loose hops.

Good for Hop Beer.
Good for Hop Bread.
Good for Hop Pillows.
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These hops are strictly first class high-grade goods, raised and cured this year, on specially prepared ground, for home use, by an expert hop grower. Place your order at once as the amount is limited.

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Charles and Central Sts. Lowell.

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Near Street Car Waiting Room. Open evenings.

The Latest and Best Sewing Machine is the
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Oak, Maple and Mahogany Wood Work. Sixteen Millions of these Machines have been sold.
Needles and Parts for all kinds of Machines.
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For Trees and Dinner Service.

Illuminated Glass Cups and Gothic Lamps.
Wax Night Lights,
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63 Market Street.

WANTED.

SOLICITOR WA[illegible] New England Cotton Journal of Fall River, Mass., needs a good, responsible subscription solicitor. Will pay a good salary to the right man. Address New England Cotton Journal, Fall River, Mass.

WANTED—Young man as office clerk, typewriter and stenographer who owns his machine. Give age, previous experience and references. Address D, Sun Office.

WANTED—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "Typewriting," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 603, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere or vicinity to mind a baby daytime. Apply M, Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address K, Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen, girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Dons, 155 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

WANTED— Old and young men to bring their old hats to Delorme, the hatter, the only hater in town where they make hats to order. 261 Middlesex street.

CALL AT GONZALES, the Cutler, 134 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—A lodging or boarding house, Inquire at 137 Appleton street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. G. Beharrell, Room 1, Bon Marche Block.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A pair gold bowed glasses on Broadway, between Lowell hosiery and White street. Finder please leave at Lowell hosiery or 611 Merrimack street and be rewarded.

FOUND—A sum of money. Inquire at Sun office.

LOST—A cloth bag with papers of no value except to owner; also a package containing carving knife and fork. Return to 412 Fletcher street and get reward.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 34 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St.
Opposite American House.
COUNSELLOR—AT—LAW.

LOTHROP & CUNNINGHAM,
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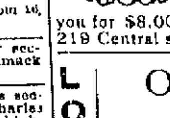
MEATS AND PROVISIONS

WATER CLOSETS and bath tubs from $5 up. All first class plumbing at lowest prices. J. H. Barry, 493 Market street.



Fifteen, Twenty, and Twenty-Five Dollars are frequently paid for just the very same set of teeth that Dr. Simmons will make you for $8.00. Dr. Simmons, Dentist, 219 Central street.

LOOK OVER

Our Stock of
Christmas Goods
Diamonds, $12 to $300
Watches, $2.75 to $150
C. W. Durant,
Central and Middle Sts., Lowell.

AS AN INVESTMENT
DIAMONDS
ARE MOST EXCELLENT

They never deteriorate, wear out or fall in price. They can always be realized on immediately.

When you buy jewelry, buy diamonds. When you buy diamonds, come here. Then you'll be sure you get what you pay for and that you pay no more than you ought to.

GRANT'S
The Reliable Jeweller,
No. 64 Merrimack Street.

HORSE BLANKETS.

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The Up-Town Hardware Store.
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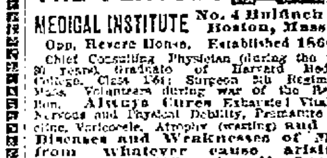
Strength, Vitality, Manhood.



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Chief Consulting Physician (during the past 30 years), Graduate of Harvard Medical College, Class 1864; Surgeon 5th Regiment, Mass. Volunteers during war of the Rebellion. Always Cures Exhausted Vitality, Nervous and Physical Debility, Premature Decline, Varicocele, Atrophy (wasting) and all Diseases and Weaknesses of Men from whatever cause arising, whether young, middle-aged or old. Consultation in person or by letter from 9 to 6. Sundays 10 to 1. The Diagnostician, or Know Thyself Manual, a vade mecum of medical science, with unqualified endorsements and testimonials, price 50c, but sent free, sealed, to every male reader mentioning this paper and date, enclosing 6c. for postage. SEND NOW. Inviolable secrecy.

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NEW STORE:
Cor Gorham and South Highland Streets
Choice Teas, Coffees, and Spices

Try our New Brands of Flour, the Best in the City, "The King Arthur," "Crown of Gold," and Banquet."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.

The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

DOUBLE TURKEY ROASTERS.

Our usual Thanksgiving offer with a pound of tea and coffee is a large size double turkey roaster. Be sure and get one. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 65 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 8 Merrimack square. Telephone 65-2.

LOCAL NEWS.

Try Horne's Coal.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Hot advertising—Stanley's Coal.

Have you had Pelham cigars?

Go to Devine's for trunks, 88 Mer'k.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 394-4.

Globes, Fixtures, Lamps, etc. Sweeney & Welch, 22 Mid'x St. Tel. 635-5.

PASSED THROUGH LOWELL.

A special train from Boston passed through this city soon after 6 o'clock last evening, carrying the Christian Scientists to Concord, N. H., where a lecture was given by Judge Ewing of Chicago. The train stopped in this city to take on local Scientists.

PAPER ON THIBET READ.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the First Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Putnam, 1210 Middlesex street. Mrs. F. A. Warfield presided and Miss Thomas, the church missionary, read a paper on Thibet.

MANY BISHOPS APPOINTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 15.—At the consistory held yesterday, the pope formally announced the appointment of a number of bishops, including that of Monsignor McEvoy to the bishopric of London, Ont., which he has been occupying since August last. The pope also announced the appointments of Mgr. Falconio, the apostolic delegate to Canada, as metropolitan of Larino, and of Monsignor Elsoux to the united sees of Sault St. Marie and Marquette.

CAR INSPECTOR

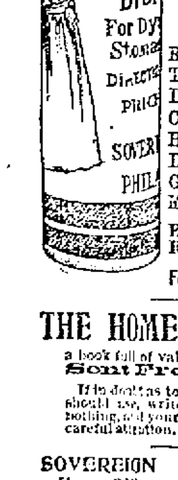
He Is an Important Individual

We are never resistant about lauding the bravery of locomotive engineers, firemen and other trainmen, whose watchfulness and bravery preserve the lives of the traveling public. A careless moment might mean the death of scores of passengers or the destruction of much property. They deserve all the praise that can be given them. But there's another man hired by the railroad company whose duties place upon him equal responsibilities, and he's the man we seldom hear about because his work confines him to the obscurity of the railroad yards and you must go there to see him.

This man is the car inspector, and he is an interesting individual to watch. As soon as a freight or passenger train rolls into the yards he passes along the side of the cars, examining all the brake beams, wheels, rods, bolsters, etc., using no hammer, but only his well trained eyes, which quickly see a defect. Sometimes he will stop suddenly and follow the fault lines of a crack in a wheel. This is at once condemned and the car is laid aside till a new pair of wheels take the place of the old ones. A wheel is considered dangerous if it has a flat place which measures more than 2½ inches across, and is discarded. A sharp flange is another reason why a wheel must go. A coupling may be faulty or a brake appliance may be a little out of order; all these things must be looked after. Another important part of the car inspector's duty is an inspection of car doors. Defective and loose doors are dangerous things and are much dreaded by engineers and firemen, as many a man in the cab has met his death by crashing into a freight car door swinging in the wind as their train rushes past. The inspector must also watch the hopper-bottom dump car. If the fastening gets loose and allows a load of limestone or ore down onto the track, there's a bad wreck as a consequence. So it will be seen that the car inspector is one of the railroad company's most important employes and efficiency in his line comes only through careful training and long experience.

Mr. George Bryan of 76 Perry street has invented a combination window lock and burglar alarm which seems to be quite an ingenious device.

SOVEREIGN REMEDIES



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a book full of valuable information Sent Free to any address.

If in doubt as to what remedy you should use, write us; it costs you nothing, and your case will have our careful attention.

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Dr. [illegible] DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

A GROUP OF CHILDREN AT THE AYER HOME—See Page Six.

LABOR MEETINGS

Weavers' Union Has a Large Membership

TROUBLE OF BOOTT SPINNERS SETTLED

Building Laborers Discuss Eight Hour Law

A regular meeting of the weavers' union was held last night in Loomfixers' hall and was largely attended. A gold ring was presented to Miss Mary Boyers as a prize for having sold the largest number of tickets for the ball recently held by the union. She turned in over $23. Thomas F. Connolly, secretary of the union, made a neat presentation speech and complimented Miss Boyers on the interest she had shown in the welfare of the union. She made a fitting response. A vote of thanks was then extended the general committee for their efforts to make the affair a success.

The financial report showed a substantial gain in membership and in the funds on hand and it was agreed that the prospect for a greater degree of success was never so bright. Already there has begun a gradual increase in membership.

Notice was received from Lonsdale, R. I., that a strike of the weavers was on, caused by a dispute over the wage schedule. Mr. Connolly was called to a meeting of the executive council to be held in Lonsdale next Sunday but on account of having previously promised to speak at a rally at the First Congregational church he will be unable to go.

Word was received that arrangements are completed for the labor rally to be held in the hall occupied by the weavers Tuesday evening next. The speakers will be D. J. Morrow, Avila Cretien of New Bedford and James Tansy of Fall River. The doors will be opened at 7 and seats will be reserved for the ladies. In addition to the speech making there will be a musical program.

It was voted to charge an admission of ten cents to the weekly dances of the union to those who are not members of the union. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the anniversary ball to be given in Associate hall, January 15.

COTTON SPINNERS.

The Spinners' union held a meeting last evening, at which much time was devoted to a discussion of the new by-laws. All were accepted and adopted as far as the one relating to the dues and that with those which followed was left over until the next meeting. A delegation of the Boott spinners reported that they had had a conference with the agent in relation to the young man recently discharged and from what he had told them they were led to the belief that the trouble will be settled to the satisfaction of all parties within a few days.

BUILDING LABORERS' UNION.

At the meeting of the Building Laborers' union held last night, there was a lively discussion on the eight-hour law. Five candidates were admitted to membership. The opinion was expressed that next summer will be an opportune time to start a movement for the application of the eight-hour law to outside contracts on city work. The election of officers will occur in two weeks.

BERWIN'S NOTICE

WILL PAY HIS RESPECTS TO WOODS NEXT WEEK

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—At the meeting of the common council a week ago a letter was read in that body from Robert A. Woods, a member of the bath commission, in which he made severe reflections upon Aldermen Barry and Berwin, in an effort to get the board to concur with the board of aldermen in the passage of the Franklin fund order. The specific reference of Mr. Woods to Mr. Berwin was that he was engaged in selling land to the city while he said Mr. Barry was engaged in buying land for the city. Mr. Woods also said the aldermen were opposed to the Franklin fund scheme because they wanted to attach a rider to the order to buy a certain piece of land for a rifle range for the city. Alderman Berwin said:

"I give notice that at the next meeting I shall pay my respects to Robert A. Woods, a member of the bath commission and in advance, I desire to say to this board and to the mayor through you, Mr. Chairman, that after the statement I shall make concerning Mr. Woods' reflection upon myself, I shall demand of His Honor the Mayor the removal of this man from the office to which he was appointed with the approval of this board. If the mayor refuses to recognize the request I shall make of him after the statement I shall make, I shall endeavor through the members of the incoming board of aldermen to urge the removal of Mr. Woods by the incoming magistrate with whom I have some little personal relations."

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE MURPHY MEN

Bounced From Boston City Hall

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The political headsman, to all appearances, began his work at city hall yesterday, for F. M. Gray, a clerk in the water commissioners office, Charles T. Donnelly, purchasing agent, and James H. Deveraux, a messenger, were discharged because their services were no longer wanted. Their salaries totalled $4600. There were also suspended 26 inspectors in the street department. On the political aspect of the discharges, it is claimed that those men were active workers on the side of John R. Murphy in the recent city election.

SECOND CONVENTION

OF BROTHERHOOD OF M. E. CHURCHES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The second annual convention of the brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal church, was held here yesterday, the president Rev. Dr. T. B. Neely of Philadelphia presiding.

President Neely presented his annual report which showed that the brotherhood is in a flourishing condition.

A new constitution was adopted for the brotherhood and a new form of constitution was recommended for the local chapters.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Thomas B. Neely, Philadelphia; vice-president, Rev. A. B. Kendig, Boston; recording secretary, Rev. J. L. Atwell, Bennington, Vt.; corresponding secretary, Rev. W. W. Adams, Yalesville, Conn.; treasurer, James Davison, New York.

THE INCREASE

IN WAGES WILL NOT AFFECT ALL OPERATIVES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 15.—Only fifty of the 400 hands in the Barnaby Gingham mill in this city will receive the 10 per cent. granted cotton cloth operatives. The advance will not affect them because the prices for weaving at that mill are fixed at the beginning of the season. When the new makes are begun prices may be adjusted. Supt. Cook of the Kerr Thread mill is in New Jersey, where he will hold a consultation with the officials of the American Thread company relative to an advance of the wages of the 600 employes of the local thread mill.

CLASS DAY OFFICERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 15.—The elections for class day officers of the senior class at Harvard were held yesterday. The polls are open today for the election of the various committees. The officers elected are as follows: First marshal, W. A. M. Burden; second marshal, F. I. Higginson; third marshal, W. A. Boal; secretary, Spalding; orator, Bolling; poet, Arensberg; Ivy orator, Seasons Good; chorister, Swain.

BIG FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 15.—A two-story wooden structure known as the Hall Block, at the corner of Main and Alfred streets was partly burned yesterday, causing a loss of about $5,000.

Catarrh.

Mr. B. P. McAllister, Harrodsburg, Ky., says: "I employed numerous methods of local treatment for a severe case of Catarrh, but the disease grew worse steadily, getting a firmer grip on me all the time. I finally realized that this treatment did not reach the disease, and decided to try Swift's Specific,

S.S.S. For The Blood

which promptly got at the seat of the trouble, and cured me permanently."

Catarrh is a blood disease and can not be reached by sprays, inhaling mixtures, etc. S. S. S. is the only cure. Send for valuable books mailed free by Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

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10 PRESCOTT STREET.

PUTNAM & SON.

WHILE THIS IS NOT A WOMAN'S STORE, yet, for ten days a goodly share of our business will be done with women.

To deserve their patronage and to meet their holiday wants we've brought much here to attract them.

Acceptable, sensible articles that men and boys wish for and find useful.

Whatever we offer is good—and new and correct in fashion. Not an article to which exception can be taken by the husband, brother, son or father.

Let us remove one great element of hesitation "to buy" from the feminine mind—"Will it please him?" Make your selection, and if for any reason you'd rather return the goods, do so,—for exchange or for the price paid.

House coats and bath robes.

HOUSE COATS AND SMOKING JACKETS, a safe gift to a man—most every man enjoys a loose, comfortable garment after a hard day down town. Light weight woolen Coats and Tricots, brown and blue, finished plain or with satin piping, with satin collars and pockets, or lined throughout with quilted satins, for $6.95, $4.95 and . . . **2.95**

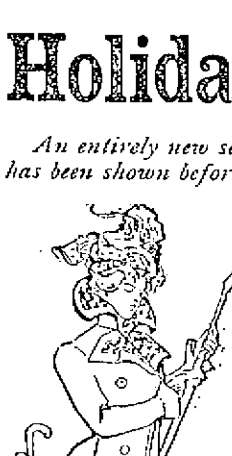
HOUSE COATS AND JACKETS. The new two-toned effects, plain outside, plaided inside and plaid shown at collar and cuffs. Blue, brown, gray, tan and garnet mixtures; from $7.50 and as low as . . . **4.95**

BATH WRAPS, ROBES, made from fancy flannels in neat dark effects or in gayer stripes and plaids, long, full, comfortable. Nothing handier 'round the house whether or not there's a baby to get you out of bed, $5.75, $3.95 and . . . **2.95**

EIDER DOWN WRAPS AND ROBES, double faced goods, also fancy blanket robes; some very handsome patterns brought out this season; fine colorings, bound with satin and silk cords, large girdles; from $9.95 down to . . . **7.45**

Holiday umbrellas for women and men.

An entirely new selection of umbrellas, not one of which has been shown before.



WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS, close roll, steel rod, paragon frame with silk cases and tassels. A recent purchase by which we obtained control of a large lot—all with handsome fancy handles—actual value $1.38, for only . . . **98c**

WOMEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS, mounted on best quality of paragon frames, steel rods, fine silk covers and tassels. A great variety of exquisite handles, long princess or crook, in fine Box, Furze, horn, pearl and ivory, plain or with sterling silver mounts and heavy gold plate, silver deposit and hand decorated dresden, for $4.95, $3.95, $2.73, $2.19 and . . . **1.47**

MEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS, in 26 and 28 inch close roll, steel rods and best paragon frames; a selection of handles handsomer than any we have ever shown; Box and Furze carefully selected for comfort in carrying, quite plain. Fine ivory, horn and selected natural wood, beautifully mounted in sterling silver; decided novelties, for only $4.95, $4.48, $3.69, $2.98, and as low as . . . **2.19**

MEN'S CAROLA UMBRELLAS, all on steel rods and with paragon frames, with plain natural wood or silver trimmed handles, fast color and close roll, most of them with cases, for $1.47, 98c, 79c, as low as . . . **39c**

Handkerchiefs and suspenders.

HERE IS A STOCK OF HANDKERCHIEFS from which you may select with the certainty of pleasing the man for whom they are intended. Unlike dry goods stock, these handkerchiefs are bought for men and are the kinds men wish for.

INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS—Japonettes, to be sure—of good generous size—hemstitched, large handsome silk initial, 3 for 25 cents or each, . . . **10c**

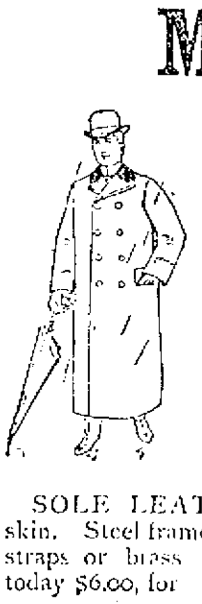
INITIAL HANDKDRCHIEFS of pure silk and of pure linen, full sizes, excellent quality; finely hemstitched, new designs in hand wrought initials. Either the silk or the linen for 48c and **25c**

PLAIN WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS, in regular and extra sizes, union and pure linen; hemstitched, in all widths of hems, from 47c to those for 3 for 25c, or each . . . **10c**

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, all pure silk, Japanese and Chinese; regular and extra large, hand hemstitched; hems from 1 inch to 1-4 inch in width, from $1.50 to . . . **48c**

SILK SUSPENDERS. An assortment of very elegant suspenders in entirely new designs of fine *silkwebs*, in solid colors; Jacquard effects and some with dainty embroidered heraldic emblems; many with sterling silver buckles; each pair in a neat box, from $1.73, $1.47, 93c, 47c, as low as . . . **25c**

Mackintoshes and suit cases.

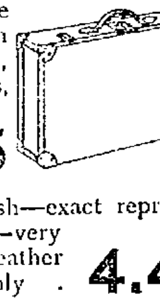


PLAIN SERGE and Thibet mackintoshes, seams sewed and cemented; made to fit like our overcoats, properly. With cape and plain collar, $8.45, $6.75 and . . . **4.95**

MACKINTOSHES with velvet collars, double breast, stylishly cut with boxy backs, seams sewed and cemented, perfect fitting; in serges, covert cloths, rough Oxfords and undressed serges, for $13.95, $10.95, $8.45 and . . . **5.95**

SOLE LEATHER CASES, genuine; not sheepskin. Steel frames, inside straps, linen lined, straps or brass fasteners outside. Worth today $6.00, for . . . **4.95**

SUIT CASES, a great purchase just here for Christmas; made from patent waterproof fibre, olive or russet, pebbled surface, sole leather corners, linen lined, inside straps, patent brass fasteners and lock, regularly $2.50, for **1.95**



THE NEW ALLIGATOR finish—exact reproduction of the expensive alligator case—very handsome, finished with fine frame, leather corners and brass fasteners, this lot only . **4.45**

ALLIGATOR SUIT CASES, made from heavy sole leather, finished in exact imitation of the real alligator case.—Steel frames—linen lined, with brass fasteners or straps; certainly appear as well and will wear as well as cases at $14.00, for only . . . **6.50**